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SIX DOLLARS PEP QUARTER

MARRIAGES.

On the 25th April, at H.B.M.'s Consulate, Tientsin, and afterwards at the Union Church, by the Rev. A. King, HENRY ST. CLAIR KNOX, to Annie Maria Dorey, eldest daughter o William Dorey, Esq., Stroud Green, London, N On the 12th May, at Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., ROBERT WILLIAM LITTLE to EMILY (MAY) EVERETT.

BIRTHS. At Tamsui, on 6th May, the wife of EDWARD STEVENS, of a daughter. At Swatow, on the 15th May, the wife of Mr.

L. HAESLOOP, of a daughter.

At Chester, Pa., U.S.A., on the 7th April, the wife of L. L. Bush.

# The Hongkong Celegraph

HUNGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1890.

THE MONEY ORDER OFFICE ROBBERY.

WE have frequently directed public attention in these columns to the iniquitous system in vogue in this colony of allowing Government officials to hold a multiplicity of remunerative appointments. A few years ago, when Sir Grorce Bowsn and Mr. Administrator Marsh were the puppet rulers of Hongkong, we had special occasion more than once to ventilate this policy of wholesale jobbery which a heavily taxed community had to tamely submit to, and to warn those concerned that a day of reckoning was sure to come. The POOH BAH of the Hongkong Government service, then as now, was Mr. ALFRED LISTER, who in addition to filling the posts of Postmaster General, Collector of Stamp Revenue, and Auditor General, was also Member of the Legislative Council, Justice of the Peace, Trustee, Hon. Treasurer and Secretary of St. John's Cathedral, and Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Hongkong Public School, and further had the credit of being Editor and proofreader of the Government Gazette, as well as chief Fidus Achates to the hypocritical fossils who in turn heldsway at Government House. The ubiquitous Postmaster even admitted the soft impeachment that he had a hand in drafting many of the bills submitted to our local legislature. Now, although we never could quite recognise Mr. Lister's claims to be niched as a modern Admirable CRICHTON, we were quite willing to concede that he was a hard-working, industrious and painstaking officer, whose lengthy experience in the Post Office made him a very useful public servant in his own department but we certainly did object, and that very strongly, to any civil servant nominally filling a number of positions, some of them sinecures no doubt, and drawing extra salaries either for doing nothing or neglecting the work of one department in order to be able to attend to that, of another. The duties of Postmaster General in a busy commercial colony like Hongkong, we argued, were quite sufficient to occupy the whole time and attention of any man, or where was the necessity of having a Deputy? The duties of Colonial Treasurer, Auditor General, and Collector of Stamp Revenue could only be attended to at the expense of the Post Office and to the inconvenience

Postmaster General. The result of this rotten system is now seen in the scandalous case of the Portuguese clerk BARRADAS, a protegi of Mr. LISTER's, who was in charge of the Money Order department. On the 22nd of March, BARRADAS was absent from his appear to have excited no suspicion in the minds of the Postmaster and his Deputy that there was anything amiss. The Government Gazette of April 12th. exactly three weeks after BARRADAS had disappeared, contained the following official notification:-

of the community; postal duties were

neglected in order to allow Mr. LISTER to

to increase his legitimate income as

"It is hereby notified that Mr. Zelindo Maria Barradas, Superintendent of the Money Order Office, having absented himself from the colony without leave since the 22nd day of March, 1890, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has declared, in accordance with the Colonial Regulations, that his office be considered as vacated from that

authorities were ignorant, or pretended ignorance, of anything wrong with the colourand of all nationalities, gesticulating accounts of the Money Order Office, and | and swearing at each other in their it was actually not until the end of last | different languages. The pavement, it week that the truth leaked out that BARRADAS | almost impassable to pedestrians. This had embezzled from the Hongkong Post | riff-raff, who assume the name of and claim Office a sum variously estimated at to be share-brokers, stock-brokers, etc., from forty-five to sixty thousand dollars. have become a dangerous and intoler-Comment on this disgraceful state of affairs able nulsance and a pest to the Colony; Colony would at present be out of place, the same protection from the Government, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporaso we reserve our arraignment of the and apparently have the same locus stonds

manage to leave the colony? where is he must suggest to the Government thousand dollars of public money, even the Supreme Court. We feel quite certain although the sole responsibility for its that bankers, merchants and commercial safety rested on his shoulders. We shall men generally connected with the share await with considerable impallence for the I business, do not require the assistance expressed sorrow at having to porform a kestation in publishing them pro sone published of this Chinese official

the Colonial Treasurer and the Auditor responsible for what has occurred.

colony, made a bee-line for Macao, and | make a legitimate living in the way he dorous city. On April 8th he returned to Hongkong by the steamer Kinkiang, and the following morning, without let or hindrance on the part of the authorities, he proceeded to Amoy by the Douglas Co.'s steamer Thales, assuming the name of DA Luz and accompanied by a Mr. very carefully avoided associating with and share-brokers. any of the Portuguese residents of that to Hongkong, but Mr. na Luz took flight | which has almost rulned this colony, that no little episode up to the present date.

the fugitive went to from Amoy will be | they allege they have been tempted. No easily understood; after nearly seven. weeks' delay the police have at last been the principal cause of these outrages received instructions to run BARRADAS to on our commercial character? Need we earth, and as they are on the right track, lask? too much publicity might possibly obstruct | Something must be done and done to learn is, by what extraor 'mary method | not the Government compel share-brokers or combination of circumstances it was at to take out a license? Auctioneers pay all possible for Barranas to make away | \$300 per annum; and why should not sharewith such a large amount of money with | brokers pay for their licenses too? What impunity and without detection! Where we want and what we must have the money went to, or at least a large effective and prompt legislation. Fortuna portion of it, we are already well aware. constur. BARRADAS, accompanied by a woman, fair-haired and good-looking, was a constant visitor at the low gambling hells in Kowloon city, where the police can easily obtain a lot of information regarding him if they so desire. And there is only one thing more we should like some information about before leaving the elucidation of this sensational mystery to the Supreme Court and a Government Commission, and that is-the identity of the official in the Post Office who, when BARRADAS was perdu in Macao, strongly urged him to leave his temporary haven of rest for parts l unknown? -

#### THE PROPOSED STOCK EXCHANGE.

For some months past there has been a considerable amount of controversy amongst the leading sharebrokers of the Colony as to the advisability of establishing to him in this connection. a Stock Exchange where business could be carried on in a legitimate and trust worthy manner. Rules and regulations were drawn up by Mr. J. J. Francis, time to time been called and held in the Board Room of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for the purpose of considering the best manner of regulating and improving the stock and share business of the Colony. Notwithstanding all the energy which

has been displayed by certain would-be reformers, it was decided at the last meeting, held on Monday the 12th instant, to allow this much needed reform to collapse—at least so far as private enterprise is concerned. The matter has now, we understand, been again submitted to His Excellency the Office Administering the Government, together with the dicision fulfil his other multifarious obligations and arrived at on Monday last, viz:-"To abandon the formation of a Stock Exchange in this Colony." We trust that h Excellency will see his way to deal with the matter under consideration in such a manner as may be satisfactory to the community at large. One thing is certain beyond all doubt, and that is -if the more responsible duties without leave, but his absence would share-brokers in the Colony cannot form l rules and regulations for their own guidance, then they must inevitably submit to "the powers that be." whose duty. is seems, is to specially legislate for them.

Share jobbling has been carried on for a considerable time on a thoroughly illegitimate and unreliable basis, and this can plainly be seen by the numerous cases which have been occupying the attention of the Summary Jurisdiction Court-cases which could never have arisen except under the present régime of share business now in vogue here.

Let any one interested take a walk down the Queen's Road at about noon Even up to this date the fatuous Postal | and he will find surrounding the Hongkong Hotel a gang of men, of all shades of his own escape. in a department of the Public Service of the but nevertheless they claim and receive of \$23,484.77 on the 26th September, 1879 from officials responsible until the whole of the as honorable and respectable firms which facts of the case have been made public have existed for a number of years. Such a state of things, to say the very least, must What became of BARRADAS! how did he | be unsatisfactory to all concerned, and now? are questions one hears on every | necessity for reform, and that reform, to side. Full information on all these points our thinking, should be by legislation was available to the police authorities so of a stringent character. At the present time long ago as the 25th April, but up to that share business in Hongkong is in a very time it seems that Mr. Postmaster Lister despondent state, and now should be the was not even aware that a gigantic opportunity to make such regulations as in the fire to be able to spare time to look, the scandalous cases which have so after, such a paltry trifle as some fifty frequently of late come under the notice of:

Postmaster's explanation of this extraor- of the class of men above referred to. dinary method of conducting business, and | Why then do they exist? The answer only hope that it will prove satisfactory to | simply is that there is no law which deters' them from carrying on amongst themselves General, who are also to some extent a gambling share business under the guise of share-brokers. We quite admit that Of course Barradas, on leaving this every man has a right, a perfect right, to for over a fortnight he apparently had a deems best, but in the majority of cases the rollicking time in that ancient and male- liobbers referred to do not make an honest living, but gain their livelihoods by dishonest speculation which is disastrous, ends in untold misery to others and bankruptcy to themselves. What are these men but reckless gamblers? Men who have probably started without a cent of capital, but who, in order to carry out their PINNA. On arriving at Amoy they took inefarious speculations on time contracts, up their abode at the hotel there, and assume the high-sounding title of stock

We have seen so recently the outcome port. After a short stay Mr. Pinna returned of the fatal spirit of reckless speculation elsewhere under his own name-BARRADAS. apology is needed for speaking plainly. All his son. Thereupon he was threatened with And that is the history of this interesting classes of men, even as low down as junior arrest and ran away. clerks and office boys, with small stipends, Our reason for not publicly stating where have launched out beyond their means; doubt, and they have fallen. Who have

their efforts by putting him on his guard. | quickly to put a stop to this wholesale, But what we are at present most anxious | fraud under another name. Why should

## SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. (Before Mr. A. G. Wise, Acting Puisne Judge.)

> May 16th, 1890. ANOTHER PUNIOM BUSTER.

DAVER v. O. BRANDT, \$400. Mr. Hastings (of Messrs. Wotton and Deacon appeared for the plaintiff, who claimed from Mr. Oscar Brandt the sum of \$400, difference in price of certain Punjom shares which

defendant had failed to take up on due date. The defendant was not represented, nor did he appear in person. Mr. P. F. Daver stated that he sold to Mr

Oscar Brandt 50 Punjom shares at \$19 each for delivery on the 25th of April. They were not taken up at due date, so he sold them at \$11 the proper market price at that time, on the 26 h of April. He now claimed \$400 as balance duc

Mr. S. E. Casumbhoy, a broker, said that on the 26th of April of this year the market price of Punjoms was \$11 per share. His lordship gave judgment for plaintiff with

and meetings of brokers have from THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO. v. ANDREW, \$75 The Chinese Insurance Company, represented by Messrs. Wotton and Deacon, claimed the sum of \$75 from Mr. John Andrew, balance of The defendant was not represented.

Mr. Carl Herman Harms, clerk of the Chinese Insurance Co., said that the defendant owed the Company \$75 for rent. There being no desence, his lordship entered judgment for plaintiffs with costs.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Mr. Fielding Clarke, Acting Chief May 20th.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT. Wong Tang Shing, a coolie, was indicted with

having feloniously shot at John Green, P.C. 70. with intent to do him grievous bodily harm. The Attorney-General (Mr. W. M. Goodman prosecuted The Clerk of Arraigns (Mr. Sangster) read the indictment, the first count of which charged the prisoner with having feloniously and maliciously shot at John Green (P.C. 70) with intent to do him grievous bodily harm also with having maliciously and eloniously wounded the said John Green.

The jury were Messrs. R. R. J. ies, H. R. Cotterwall, J. Gow, A. F. dos Remedios; C. H. Rogge ; J. A. Barretto ; and E. J. Haynd. The Attorney-General in opening stated that on the 28th April at about 8 p.m., while Constable Green was walking through Tai-kok-tsoi in British Kowloon, he met the prisoner and another man man carrying a bundle. He asked them to allow him to examine the contents of the which they refused and at one struck the constable. The latter immediately to seize the men, when a scuffie ensued resulting in the arrest of the isone after he had shot at the officer at close quarter the bullet grazing his right temple and passing out through his forage cap. He submit ed that the prisoner shot at the constable with intent to do him grievous bodily harm and thereby make

This having been amply corroborated by the evidence of the constable himself and two Chinese witnesses, and the jury having found prisoner guilty; His lordship passed sentence

THE HONGKONG BANK EMBEZZLEMENT CASE A. M. P. Silva was charged with the larceny tion, while employed as a clerk in the said Bank. The Attorney-General (Mr. W. M. Goodman) prosecuted, and Mr. A. J. Leach, instructed by

Messrs, Caldwell, and Wilkinson appeared for the prisoner.

the indictment which charged the prisoner with having feloniously stolen, taken and carried | a resolution to wind up the concern under the sway the sum of \$23,494.77 on the 26th of Companier Ordinance of 1889 was confirmed. September 1879-the property of the Hongkong. A novel feature of the meeting was the attitude and Shanghai Bank. The prisoner pleaded guilty.

Mr. Leach, in mitigation of sentence submitted that there was lack of proper supervision | expressed his opinions of the Directors at rather entire absence as shown in the evidence evade justice by running away from the Colony. copy of his remarks at the public meeting—
be handed down to further generations. This is 364 tons register, hence to Singapore and return,
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indeed a unique acknowledgment of the services \$5,000 in full,—lay days. No disengaged adduced at the Police Court of any desire to evade justice by running away from the Colony.

all that had been urged by the learned Scottish Oriental Co.'s steamer Kong Beng, has counsel in his behalf, was to sentence him to been appointed commarder of the steam-tug three years' imprisonment with bard labour.

DUAL KIDNAPPING. Chan Alook was charged with having taken away a child of five years of age from the custody of his parents on the 15th, April last. second count charged him with taking the child for the purpose of stealing a silver anklet from the person of the child; and a third with the

largeny of the said silver anklet. The Attorney General explained that the prisoner was charged, with an offerce which is somewhat common in this Colony; it should, nevertheless he regarded as a very serious offence. The child in question, a boy of about five years of age, was playing on the street when the prisoner persuaded the child to accompany him or a walk to see some," such pretty things," By this means the prisoner got possession of the boy. The parents reported the matter to police. Next morning the complainant met the prisoner with the child in the street. He accosted him; and asked, why he was stealing his child; to liCHARLES Lever once said that the man who which the prisoner replied that the child was

Evidence in support of this, statement was given by the complainant and his child. officer of the Po Leung Kok, and Inspector Hennessy. The jury found a verdict of guilty on the first and third counts.

Sentence was reserved, pending the verdict of the jury respecting the theft of

. ANOTHER BOY. The jury were Messrs, Robert Hamilton, E. A. Ram E. R. Hope, H. W. Sampson, E. A. lorge, G. R. Sachse, and A. B. Soares.

In this case it was shown that, sho tly after running away from the last complainant, the prisoner got hold of another little boy and took him on board a junk which was about to sail. The mother of the child, which was about

years of age, a Chinese detective and Inspector Hennessy pave evidence in support of the indictment, which charged the prisoner with seloniously stealing the said child. The jury lound prisoner guilty.

His lordship passed sentence of three years for the first offence, in which the prisoner was convicted on two counts; and two years for the second offence-the terms to be concurrent.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE new pier at Kowloon Point was opened for public traffic on the 19th inst.

THE Stamp revenue for the first quarter of the present year, totalled \$51,393.18, as agains \$50,787.09 for the same period in 1889, showing a net increase of \$606.29

MR. J. D. CLARK, the editor and proprietor of the Shanghai Mercury, arrive | here on the 20th inst. by the Messageries Maritimes' steamer Oceanien. Mr. Clark proceeds home for a six months' holiday. THE steamship Dafila, well known in this

colony, has changed her name and flag. She now flies the Spanish ensign and is known as Nossa Schora de Loreto. She arrived here from Manila on Sunday last.

settled, and buyers were eager to purchase. THE Surabaya Courant states that the Javas coffee crop this year will hardly aggregate onethird of the yield in 1889 and that in conse-

quence the Dutch Government will be seriously inconvenienced by the greatly reduced revenue. LATEST news from the Raub mines is of a very satisfactory nature. The manager reports that he can easily keep down the water in the mines

with the pumps now in use, and that his driving operations are being continued with gratifying THE Russian cruiser Moskwa, of the " Dobrovo-

luse Flot," arrived here on the 19th inst. from Odessa. She has at least 800 soldiers on board railway materials and some officers. The Ariol with 2,000 should be here in a few days. Th looks very peaceful I.I.

THAT veteran marksman Mr. E. L. Woodin made a "best possible" at 600 yards in the first stage of the competition for the Kwoon Kwan Yeen Challenge Cups on Saturday last. Shooting with a match rifle Mr. Woodin put on ten " bulls " in succession and and and the

OUR Singapore contemporary the Straits Times. of the 13th inst. announces that, during the three preceding days, five deaths, from cholera, had taken place—three in the General Hospital, and three in the Asylum. The hapless victims. were Chinese and Klings.

MR KINDER and Mr. Cox. according to the Shanghal Mercury, left Newchwang some days ago to commence the survey of the railway through Manchuria to Kirin. A large body of Chinese officials, escorted by soldiers, left some days before to prepare the way for the surveyors.

THE Tientsin correspondent, of the Shanghai Mercury, writing under date the roth instant, says it is rumoured in that port that a communica ion has been received containing the intelligence that a letter has been sent from Korea to the Chinese Government, istating that Kores will place herself under the protection of Russia, and, is preparing to throw off; allegiance to China. If this is true there are stirring times, LO CONTROLL CONTROLL CONTROLL CONTROLL CONTROLL CONTROLL CONTROL CONTR

pf Stanley's Opera Company at Penang they were pritertained, almost nightly at supper by the young bloods of the place. At first nothing but champigne was drunk at these jolly feasts, but on the last two or three occasions, cash being less plentiful, and credit at a low ebb, the hosts only provided their fair guests with shandygaff. Such at least is the yarn that is going the rounds in Penang." What a fall was there, my brethren. Champagne to shandygaff, Great Caesar's ghost, 

THE Singapore Tramway Company, after a short, The Clerk of Arraigns (Mr. Snugster) read and unsatisfactory career, has collapsed. At a meeting of shareholders held on the 12th inst. of a Mr. Hastiani, who gave the Directors a bit of his mind in two languages - Malay and French. The Siraits Times says that Mr. Bastlani

very painful duty which, after taking due notice IMR. Ji CAMERON, late chief officer of the Chamroen at Bangkok.

> WE are glid to note that Signor and Signora Mejeroni, with the assistance of members of the Shanghai Amateur Dramatic Club, will perform Sardon's "Fedora" at the Lyceum Theatre, Shanghai, on Monday the 20th inst.

A CERTAIN paper in the Far East, so says an American exchange, is called the "only reliable" hecause it is the only one that can re-lie-that is tell the same old lie over and over again without blushing. Does the cap fit either of our local contemporaries? Surely not !

A NETHERLANDS India paper says that " military expedition will shortly leave Java for the island of Flores, where a Government tin prospecting party had to retreat the other day nwing to the armed resistance of the natives und withstood their advance at the risk of

would quarrel with a member of the police force should have a skull of triple thickness. Presumably had he been writing of our Hongkong bobbles now-a-days, he would have said that the man in question should have a skull solid all the way through.

A CHINESE paper tells us that Viceroy Chang Chih-tung's new cotton mill plant has arrived at Wuchang per steamer Kwongchang, but there is a such lot of machinery that the Chinese are greatly puzzled over the different parts and the name of each, and are at a loss how to commence 

DETECTIVES Staunton and McIver left on the 10th inst. per steamship Diamante for Manila to apply to the Spanish authorities for the rendition of Z. M. Barradas, the late gay and festive Superintendent of the Hongkong Money Order Office, who is "wanted" for getting considerably. THE Batavia Nieuwsblad gives particulars of mixed up as to the meaning of the terms meum et tuum.

THE Bangkok Times of the 7th inst, " regrets to hear that about a week ago Mr. C. J. Child was suspended from practicing in the International Court in consequence, as is alleged, of his having used abusive and insulting language towards th President of the Court, and attempting to take an offending witness by force from the custody of the Court."

THE Straits Times states that an America barque, supposed to be the Alphonsus Marshall with a cargo of 37,000 cases of petroleum from New York bound to Singapore, took the ground near the Raffles' Light on the morning of the 13th inst.; when the tide rose a few hours afterwards she floated off, and resumed her voyage apparently uninjured.

THE river steamer Pekin met the Glengarry 32 miles below Hankow on the oth at 8.40 p.m., the Moyune 70 miles below Hankow at midnight on the oth, and the Glamorganshire 120 miles below Kinking on the 10th at 2 p.m. Mogul and Antenor passed Chinking for Hankow on the 13th inst., to load tea, the former for Odessa and the latter for London.

THE Garrison honored Her Majesty's birthday on ACCORDING to telegrams from Hankow, received the 10th inst. by a general parade, which was in Shanghai on the 11th inst., the tea market | witnessed by many thousands of spectators. The was active and the quality of the staple good. | shipping in the Harbour was gaily decorated Upwards of Tls. 3,000,000 worth had been with bunting, and the customary salutes were fired. In the evening His Excellency Administrator gave a dance at Government House, which was numerously attended.

OUR Shanghai contemporary the Mercury hears that the German Bank has concluded a loan Tis. 400,000, on a gold basis, at 6 per cent., with Chang-yao, the Governor of Shantung, and another for a similar amount with Sheng Taotai on behalf of the Chinese Telegraph Administration, on a like basis. In neither case was an Imperial edict obtained, and the loans had been in the market for some time.

THE Singapore Free Press of the 12th inst. says:-At about nine o'clock this morning the signal "P.C." (Want assistance, mutiny) was displayed from the flagstaff at Fort Canning, the the Roads, the British bark Kelvin. A boat from H.M.S. Redpole was at once sent off, as well as two boats from the Marine Police Station. Arriving on board the Kelvin they found that the "mutiny" was all over, and that the only disturbance had been occasioned by the second mate, who had been indulging too freely last night in Singapore whisky. The officer had always borne a good character and was dismissed by the Master Attendant with a caution. BETWEEN A o'clock on Sunday afternoon

(18th inst.) and eleven at night, a big haul was made by thieves on board the steamship Diamante. It appears that the Chief Officer. Who went ashore at about 4 o'clock on Sunday, left the key of the treasure room hanging up in his own cabin. The thieves must have taken the keys, deliberately opened the treasure room and taken away two boxes of money amounting in all to \$2,178. As soon as the police became aware of the affair, at about nine o'clock on Sunday. Detectives Haddon and Quincey boarded the ship, searched here from stem to stern but without being able to gain any clue. The Diamante left for Manila

OUR Shanghai morning contemporary gives the following Hankow tea statistics for the roth

Elds all about the Oopack Consmiss Keeman. Hohow. victiono in it de dechests, dechests, dechests, dechests. THE Penang Gaselle ways that during the stay Arrivals since 61,070 -9,900 109,050 4,570 prenings in make house a little of the series of the

Settlementson 27,100 23,560 52,9 4 1,500 Present Stock ... 33.970 .. 26,340 ... 56,096 . 3,250 The market is at present entirely in the hands of Russians buyers, whose prices for Hankow district tess, and fine and finest Ningchows, quite preclude English houses from operating in these kindshalms hand made sets the effective state

THE Vicercy Li Hung-chang, a native paper says, has memorialised the Throne that the late and kept in the Government archives. The Emperor in an Imperial Decree, dated the 24th of this moon, orders the proper officials to take note is carried out. The Emperor further recognises deceased diplomat, and mentions that he was gentleman had probably too many from share-jobbers from causing a repetition of great temptation. He hoped that, in passing his criticism of the management of cannot be resentence, his lordship would take into considers peated, as too sweeping for publication " It for the new Board of Adreralty, which were que, 439 tons register, same voyage, 248 cents tion the youth of the prisoner, and the would be interesting to know what this gentleman admirably carried out. All these offices are to per picul, 20 lay days; Cygnes, British barque, actually did say about the Aramyay Company be recorded, and an honorary title to be given to 400 tons register, same voyage 248 cent per directors, and if he thinks fit to forward, us a the deceased Marquis, so that his records may picul, 18 lay days | Safauma, British barque,

THE Locomoticf stilles that the Netherlands India Government have given permission for recruiting coolies in Java for German New

WE are sorry to observe from a Bangkok conemporary that Inspector Solomon, of the Bangkok Police, is seriously ill in hospital at

WE understand that Mr. John Panton, late Chief Officer of the Canadian Pacific Co.'s steamer Parthia was appointed commander of that vessel shortly before her departure from this port on her last trip.

A THOROUGH-PACED scoundrel named Fong Asing was sentenced at the Supreme Court this morning (20th inst.) to two years' imprisonment with hard labour for stealing a little boy from his parents. There are two more cases of this kind which will be tried during the current Criminal Sessions.

OUR Bangkok contemporary the Times states. that Ah Seng Heng, the fraudulent bankrupt who attempted the other day to clear out, leaving, unsettled debts amounting to ticals 100,000, has been condemned by the Netherlands Consular Court to two years' imprisonment, to be served out in the Siamese gaol.

IF "Patrick Cafferty's" accusations against the Sailors' Home and its working staff, repeated in a second letter sent us by that self-styled "ould sailorman," are not the baseless fabric of a diseased imagination, we shall be glad if he will favor us with a call and put his assertions in regular, form. This will be doing good service to the sen-faring community. But if, on the other hand, these charges of blackmailing, etc., are the outcome of personal spite and cowardly malice, we give Mr. "Patrick Cafferty" fair warning that we are on his track, and with a sufficient clue to his identity to make his two experiments as an anonymous libeller somewhat

dangerous. 📒 🗥 heavy fighting at Edi on the 28th April. The Achinese there, having taken up a strong position up-country, a company of infantry and a naval detachment advanced upon them and captured two forts. The enemy lost seven killed, forty wounded, and many rifles; the troops losing nine wounded. 'In Acheen the enemy show. unusual activity, and have thrice essayed attacks on Kotta Rajah, unsuccessfully owing to troops lying in ambush frustrating their designs; but they prove so troublesome, that attempts at clearing the country just outside the forts has been abandoned. The titular Sultan has set to work stirring the people up against the Netherlanders. On the East Coast troubles thicken, and a number of Achinese are busy trying to kindle a holy war.

THE curtain was lifted on Saturday night (17th inst.) at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, to a rather thin house which had assembled to witness the performance of the Military Mummers. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, and a few Military and Civil officials, were the sole occupants of the dress circle when we arrived on the scene. "Chiselling" and "Uncle" were the pieces played, the plot in both being pretty much the same, e. g. to deceive an old uncle and make capital out of him. The acting was so uniformly good throughout that it would be invidious to draw distinctions, and though the two farces were not such as to call: forth any very marked display of talent, there was evidently plenty of it on the boards. The house certainly appreciated the evening's entertainment and it is to be hoped that the financial success was equal to that of the performance

MESSRS. WHEELOCK & Co.'s Shanghai Freight Market Report of the 16th May has the following :- During the first part of the fortnight under review there was a very large demand for tonnage to load from Newchwang to Amoy and Swatow, and every available craft was readily taken up both here and at Amoy at comparatively high rates, but at the close the natives seem to have satisfied their requirements, consequently there is only a slight enquiry at greatly reduced rates. Saigon rates have collapsed, so wo may look for steamers seeking employment in this direction. Nagasaki-Shanghai rates signal officer having repeated it from a vessel in | have gone up considerably and small steamers are eagerly sought for, but none to be had. For London, via usual ports of call and Suez Canal :- After the departure of the P. & O. s.s. Thames on the 10th instant and the s.s. Ooback on the 11th instant, rates advanced 5s.; the mails are now asking 35s. per ton and Holt's Deucation is advertised for despatch on the 22nd instant, rate 27s. per ton. The C. S. M. S. N. Co's Ching Wo is due from Japan on or about the 23rd instant and will take the berth loading at 35s, per ton; she will be dispatched about 20th instant. From Hankow to London: -The following steamers have already proceeded up river to load new teas: the Glengarry, Moyune, Glamorganskire, and Antenor ; rates are said to be £3.10.0 for the two former, but from advices received from Hankow we hardly expect that they will be maintained, the market being at present almost entirely in the hands of Russian buyers. Mails have been booking through cargo to London at 452; per ton. For New York :- The Monmouthshirs will be put on the berth in Yokohama, also the Glengyle, where both will take part cargo and come here about three weeks hence and then proceed to Amoy to fill up; their trate is not definitely fixed. Via Cape :- The Chas. S. Whitney has been chartered, and as she has very nearly received her complement here will have quick despatch. Rate 231, per ton of 40 cubic feet. Probable steamers. to load at Hankow with new Teas: For London .- Moyune, Antenor, Glamorganskire, and Glengarry, For Odessa -Sikh, Tartar, Mogul, Kostroma, Russia, Petersburg, Moskwa, and Nijni Novgorod. Quotations are :--Newchwang to Swatow, 20 Mex. cents per picul, nominal. Newchwang to Amoy, 125 Mex. cents. per picul, nominal Nagasaki to Shanghai, \$1.40 per ton of coal nett, for both steamers and sailing vessels, Settlements during the fortnight :- Glenfallock, British steamer, 1,434 tons. register, Kuchinetzu to Singapore, \$2.00 per ton: coal, quick dispatch; Choysang, British steamer, 1,194 tons register, Newchwang to Swatow, 20 Marquis Talag's public works may be recorded; cents per picul, to lay days; Viksang, British sleamer, 887 tons register, Newchwang to Amoy, 281 cents per picul, 9 lay days'; Kwongsang. British steamer, 989 tons register, same voyage, of Viceroy Lis communication and see that it 28 cents per picul, 7 lay days; John Balsley, American schooner, 700 tons register, hence the services rendered to the country by the to Tientsin, \$5,000 in full, 20 lay days Chat. S. Whitney, British ship, 1,651 tons toonce a member of the Board of Revenue, gister, Shanghai and Hongkong to New York, member of the Lsung-li Yamen, also Minister | private terms; Wannimo, British barque, 397 Plenipotentiary to foreign countries, and further- tons register, Newchwang to Amoy, 25; cents. of a most favorable character.

MR. CRAWFORD D. KERR. Secretary of the Straits Insurrance Co., left Singapore for a trip to Europe in the Messageries Maritimes' steamer Congo on the 7th inst. During his absence Mr. W. Macbean will not as locum tenens.

THE new pumping machinery for the Raub mine was expected in Singapore on the 12th inst. According to the Straits Times, the manager of the mine has ceased sinking, and commenced to drive with apparently good

THE Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s new steamer, expressly built by Messrs. Ramage and Ferguson of Leith for the Hongkong-Macan route, left home for this port on the 7th inst. All being well, she should arrive in Hongkong late in June.

A SINGAPORE paper advertises that an estate in British North Borneo wants a book-keeper, who must be Dutch, German, or Swiss, with a sufficient knowledge of English. No Britisher need apply-and yet, yes, British North Borneo is de facto a British colony. What next?

A BOAT race in six-oared gigs, for a stake of \$100, will take place on June 3rd between crews from H.M.S. Mutine and the Royal Engineers. The distance will be one mile, and the course from Kellett's Island to the Meanee. A close and interesting race is confidently anticipated.

THE Committee of the Diocesan Home and Orphanage have received \$58, 21 for the Building Fund from Mr. R. Lyall, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Choral Society, being the proceeds of the offertory at St. John's Cathedral at the last performance of the cantata "Ruth."

MR. ROBINSON dropped heavily upon a puffer o the fragrant drug on the 17th instant, when the delinquent was "up." at the Police Court charged with being in possession of two mace of prepared opium. "Fifty dollars, or three months" said the genial dispenser of Police Court justice.

THE Singapore Free Press says it was reported that on the night of the oth inst; a Malay girl, walking along the Bukit Timan Road, by the sixth milestone was attacked by two tigers, one of which knocked her down and the other bi her arm off, and then left her on the ground where she was found some time after.

. An A.B. and an apprentice on board the "Shire" liner Pembrokeshire were convicted at Singa pore on the 9th inst. of appropriating nine bottles of whiskey from that vessel which did not belong to them. The apprentice will have three months and the A.B. a fortnight in rigorous confinement to think over the evils of loving whiskey not wisely but too well.

Our Macao correspondent writes that Ma Gutterres, the officer in charge of the Government Telegraph and Telephone departments for reasons not made public attempted to commit suicide by poisoning himself on the 11th instant. Fortunately the rash act was discovered in time and the prompt administration of drastic remedies counteracted the effects of the poison. Gutterres is now slowly, but steadily recovering.

WE learn from Macao that a Commission has heen appointed to investigate the lamentable state of the eastern side of the Praya Grande, and to report on the best means of remedying its present insanitary condition at low tides. The fearful stench at this part of the city has been a grievous and dangerous nuisance for years past so that it is earnestly to be hoped the Commission will strongly recommend the immediate adoption of effective measures to remove what is a standing menace to the health of the community.

With reference to what we said on the 16th inst. about a Portuguese clerk, the employe of a public company in Hongkong, having committed forgery, our 'inquiries have not been so satisfactory as could have been desired. However, we understand that the culprit, whose alleged offence is forgery in connection with certain shares of the Austin Arms Hotel Co. Ld., "skipped" the colony two or three days ago. Our office goat is still on the war-path trying his level best to obtain all available

Poor Lan On, who was, much to his disgust banished from our midst some time ago, feeling very home-sick, wife-sick, family-sick and all sorts of other sicks, plucked up courage and re-entered this colony a day or two ago. Madam Lan, however, did not relish the return of her dearly beloved and he was "run in." A cr tel minion of justice sent him into gloom for the period of twelve calendar months, adding a modicum of physical exercise—professionally known as "hard labor"—to keep him from wearying. And this is a free British colony Hai-yah

THE fourth ordinary meeting of shareholders of Messra. Campbell, Moore & Co., Ld., was held yesterday afternoon (May 15th), Messrs. A. Fuckeera, Chairman; W. P. Moore, A. G. Apcar, A. M. Apcar. Directors: I. F. Leon. Secretary; D McCulloch, J. S. Perry, P. F. Daver, F. Jamsetjee and C. A. Ozorio were present. The accounts which had been in the shareholders' hands for the past week, were passed. The Chairman explained that the meeting would have been held in February had not Mr. Gourdin been delayed in auditing the accounts, owing to great pressure of other business matters. A motion by M McCulloch that the charge for auditing should in future, be reduced to \$50 was carried; as also Mr. Apcar's proposition that the Directors receive as remuneration \$150 per Dividend warrants will be issued on Monday.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIV COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on the 16th instant. There were present :---His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Mr. F. Fleming); the Acting Colonial Secretary (Mr. W. M. Deane), Mr. S. Brown, Surveyor-General: Mr. W. M. Goodman, Attorney-General; Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes, Acting Registrar-General: Messrs. P. Ryric, A. P. MacEwen, C. P. Chater, J. J. Keswick, Ho Kai (unofficial members), and Mr. F. A. Hazeland, Acting Clerk of Councils.

MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

DEATH OF THE MARQUIS TSENG. The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer and Administering the letter received from H.B.M. Minister, at Peking in the name of the community, to Peking on the 34th ultimo, in which the Minister stated he felt sure that "this mark of sympathy will be appreciated no less highly by the Imperial Government than by the family of the deceased statesman."

THE "DOOKAL" EXPENSES. His Excellency othe Administrator was who are not lofty Government officials, submit glad to say that the extra sum-from two to three tamely to unqualified criticisms by can-

came to Singapore from Australia by last mail. | last March had not been exceeded. As the the conduct of these architects was quite News from the mines, however, continues to be | Council would see the extra expense incurred was something over \$2,000. He regretted that the original vote had been exceeded.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

NOW FOR FAIR-PLAY! His Excellency begged to mention to the Council that, in connection with financial minutes, he had given instructions for all such minutes to be forwarded to hon, members three days prior to meetings, in order that they may know what moneys are going to be asked for. It appeared to him that the system in practice of reading these minutes at the commencement of a meeting of Council and asking members to agree to the sums required immediately after the discussion of public affairs, was not altogether reasonable. Hon, members could not be too careful when voting public monies, to know the reasons for which the money was demanded. It would be more satisfactory to the Government to feel that every opportunity was given to un-official members to examine the reasons on which demands were based Circumstances might arise in which money would be required to meet an emergency, and in such cases the vote would be asked at the same time as minutes were presented in Council. But such cases would be quite exceptional and extreme. He was of opinion that it was only fair that unofficial members should know the reasons

for which money was asked. VICTORIA COLLEGE FIASCO. A further sum of \$3,670 for repairs to the roof of our new \$250,000 College (? toy) was agreed to. His Excellency stated that inquiries were in course of progress respecting the monies which have been, and may yet be, required for

repairs to this (phenomenal) college. THE MONEY ORDER OFFICE ROBBERY. The Hon. P. Ryrie gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would sak :--I. Whether the Government will furnish the Council with information respecting the reported defalcations in the Money Order department of

the Post Office? II. Is it the intention of Government to take any steps respecting the celebration of the Jubilee of this Colony?

FACTS PROMISED. His Excellency said he was not in a position to answer the hon, member's first question at once, but inquiries were being made, and he hoped to be able to lay the facts of the case before the Legislature at the next meeting. He would say, however, that defalcations had taken place which required investigation and such inquiries would be made. In the interim, His Excellency was causing such inquiries to be made as he considered necessary for the time

PATENTS BILL The Ordinance for granting patents for inventions within this colony was, passed without amendment.

FALSIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS BILL. The Attorney General in moving, the second reading of." An Ordinance to amend the law with reference to the falsification of accounts" said, that in drafting this Bill he had endeavoured to follow closely the wording of the Imperial Act which had been in force in England for the past 15 years with great advantage. The bill was committed and passed.

CIVIL PROCEDURE BILL. The Attorney General moved the third reading of this Bill which, he said, had not been subjected to certain proposed alterations. The bill was

THE MAGISTRATES BILL. The Council resumed committee on this Bill. power of a magistrate to deal summarily estimate, with cases of robbery on the high seas, altered so as to empower magistrates. to sentence persons guilty of Indictable offences to twelve, instead of as heretofore, six months! imprisonment.

WHIPPING YOUNGSTERS. The Attorney General proposed that in section 86, which provides that juvenile thieves may be whipped, the words "any assault occasioning actual bodily harm or any indecent assault, should be added as offences rendering the offender liable to be whipped. He contended that the imprisonment of a mere boy for some freak of temper was very undesirable. proper punishment in such cases was the birch.

The clause was amended as suggested. At section 94 progress was reported, when the Council adjourned until Friday next the 23rd instant at 3 p.m.

MEETING OF THE SANITAR! BOARD.

The Sanitary Board met on the 16th inst. when the Hon. S. Brown (President); Major-General Gordon, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police; Hon. N. G. Mitchell-Innes, Acting Registrar-General; Dr. Ayres, Colonial Surgeon Mr. O. Chadwick, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., M Wong Shing and Mr. Hugh McCallum, Banita Superintendent, were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and

A STUPENDOUS DIFFICULTY. Mr. McCallum read a despatch received from the Colonial Secretary respecting a difficulty which the Board had found in regard to common lodging houses, wherein the Colonial Secretary stated that, the matter "appeared to be within the jurisdiction of the said Board." After some discussion it was decided to again refer the matter to the Government with further detailed explanations as to what the real difficulty of the Board was. These explanations would be drafted by Mr. Francis, who tendered his services in this connection.

THE AUDACIOUS ARCHITECTS. The Superintendent Isid on the table a letter from the Colonial Secretary enclosing certain letters which His Excellency had received from Messrs. Danby, Leigh and Orange; Bird and Palmer, and St. John Hancock, architects in this colony, wherein the writers protested vigorously against the tenour of the Superintendent's report. Mr. Francis indirectly asked Mr. McCallum

for explanations; but before he could speak Mr. Chadwick stated that it appeared to him a matter for which the Board; as a body, was fully responsible, seeing it had passed the report. In this opinion Mr. Francis concurred, adding that after carefully perusing the report he had arrived at the conclusion that the gentlemen who wrote the letters had found much more in the report than he could discover. He did not

think the complaints were at all justifiable. Major-General Gordon said he quite agreed with Mr. Francis. It was contended that Mr. McCallum had cast serious reflections upon the architects of Hongkong; but, so far, as he could see, the Hongkong architects were not specially mentioned, the remarks encompassed Government, laid on the table the copy of a architects generally. He could see nothing in the report to afford reasonable grounds

in reply to the telegram of condolence forwarded, for these architects' complaints. It was, he knew, always dangerous to allude to a particular class of people, but the observations did not bear unfairly upon Hongkong architects. He submitted that all Hongkong government officials get "hard hit" at times, are subjected to abuse in the newspapers, but always take it quietly. Then, how much more should these architects.

THE Straits Times says that a lot of Raub scrip | thousand-to which he referred on the 12th of | tankerous, crochety, officials?-Ed:] He thought

uniustifiable. The President considered that Mr. McCallum should have an opportunity of replying to the architects' billets doux; but Mr. Francis thought such a course could only be adopted in the event of the Board being dissastisfied with the Superintendent's report. He again submitted that there was nothing in the report which called for explanations. The complaints of the architects were made without sufficient reason.

The Colonial Surgeon was of opinion that what Mr. Francis had said was O. K. and that on their own heads (laughter).

The Vice-President then moved "that this Board having read the Sanitary Superintendent's Report and the whole of the correspondence in connection therewith, is of opinion that there is nothing in the report to justify the complaints

Mr. Francis seconded and it was carried nem.

YAU-MA-TI'S NUISANCES. Regarding the petition of the residents of Yau-ma-ti, wherein the petitioners sought for the removal of the boats' breaming grounds because they were deemed a nuisance, Mr. Francis explained that the breaming operation was not in itself a nuisance; it was the filth and rubbish thrown out by the boats at time of breaming (burning) that caused a nuisance, and it was this collateral 'nuisance that should be guarded against Dr. Ayres—The boat breaming is no more of

a nuisance than the docks. No notice was taken of the Doctor's profound remark and the matter ended in a resolution to the effect, "that the Board saw no reason for removing the breaming ground from Yau-ma-t and had no objection to the extension of the ground to the northward, but considered the site suggested, to the south, as unsultable," which was carried unanimously.

NO MORE SMALL-POX. The Superintendent then laid the following special report upon the table, which shows that the best of lymph can be cultivated in this

REPORT OF IMPORTANT EXPERIMENTS. Sir,-I have the honor to report for the information of the Sanitary Board that, in accordance with their instructions, I commenced in February last a series of experiments, with a view to proving the practibility of cultivating vacinelymph in the colony, and I am glad to be able to say that the results [as last year] were satisfactory. I am of opinion that the direct system of inoculation is the best, as the lymph being taken straight from the calf to the arm has not the chance of undergoing the various changes which often take place when stored in tubes besides which, tube-lymph is very uncertain and irregular in action.

After transmitting the lymph from calf to calf for some time with a success rate of about 99 per cent., I was "enabled by the kindness of Dr. Thomson, Alice Memorial Hospital, to test its effect upon children. Ten infants were vaccinated with lymph taken from calf under my supervision, and the results were good; the vesicles developing very well. certificate from Dr. Thomson attached. May 5th, the lymph was put to a further test by Dr. Atkinson, Government Civil Hospital, who vaccinated two Chinese constables and three infants. [Sée certificate attached.] In some cases the lymph had been transmitted successively through 51 calves.

A list of expenses will follow in a few days, but I must point out that I have been disappointed by the non-arrival of the proper vistores. Section 80, after some discussion as to the the price of which is included in my original

I have the honor to be. Your Obedient Servant, CHAS. VIVIAN LADDS, M.R.C.V.S., Col. Vet. Surgeon.

CATTLE DISEASES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Francis, who was seconded by the Acting Registrar General, it was decided to send to the Government the whole of the papers and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon's report upon this subject, together with a recommendation that the maximum amount of compensation for animals slaughtered during the March epidemic outbreak, should be raised from \$50 to \$200 as suggested by Mr. Ladds.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the first report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the Hongkong Hotel, at noon on Saturday, 24th May, 1900:-

Gentlemen.—Your Directors have now to lay before you a Statement of Accounts for period ending 30th April, 1890, together with a report from Mr. Wickham, the Company's

Mr. Wickham, who had a good deal to do in looking after and testing the Electric Company's Plant purchased in England, arrived here on 17th March last, and at once took over charge of the Works. The Buildings are now in a fair way towards completion, and the first instalment of Machinery, including the Engines and Boilers have arrived; these latter have been taken i the Works and are ready to be placed in position as soon as the foundations and settings, are completed. The work of erecting Poles and Lines for the Arc Lamps will be commenced immediately and everything will be hurried on, consistently with efficiency, so that your Directors hope to have the Light in full working order in the Autums.

Mr. A. P. Stokes having left the Colony, Mr. H. P. Tennant has consented to accept the vacant seat on the Board and his appointment requires confirmation.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs, H. L. Dairymple and L. Posnecke retire, but being eligible offer themselves for

Mesers. G. Stewart and G. S. Coxon retire. and offer themselves for re-election by the H. L. DALRYMPLE, Chairman.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1890, Capital \$300,000, divided into 30,000 shares of \$10 each. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1890. Liabilities.

Capital :--25,564 Shares cach \$6 paid up ......\$153,384.00 4,381 Shares each \$2 (3) paid up ......... 8,762.00 55 Shares unaliotted \$162,146.00

Cost of Land and Buildings to dates 16,705.87 Plant and Machinery: Cost of Plant and Machinery to date : 61,521.50 Hongkong and Shanghal Bank, De-

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Current Account..... Balance carried to Working Account

WORKING ACCOUNT. To Preliminary Expenses..... Stationery..... , Charges, Crown-Rent, Advertisements, &c., ...... To Passage Money of Staff from London to Hongkong..... the architects seemed desirous of fitting the cap To Office Expenses 1,700.00 Telegrams..... 860.32 Salaries.....

> By Interest ... By Scrip and Transfer Fees...... By Balance carried to a New Account

We have compared the Accounts with the Books and Vouchers at the Company's office and found them correct. G. STEWART, Auditors. G. S. COXON,

> ENGINEER'S REPORT. Hongkong, 10th May, 1890.

\$7,610.03

To the Directors of the Hongkong Electric Company, Limited. Gentlemen, Soon after the Company was started in February, 1880, instructions were sen home to Messrs. T. A. Gibb & Co., London, to enter into negociations for the necessary machinery and plant for supplying the Electric Light, and J. W. Hart, Esq., M.I.C.E., was appointed the Company's Consulting Engineer in London. After negociations with Messrs. Johnson & Phillips, their tender was accepted on the 25th May, 1889, and the contract was signed

on the 11th July, 1880. When I arrived home during the first week in July, considerable progress had already been made in the designs of the machinery, much of which was specially designed for the Company. During the Autumn of 1889 considerable delay was experienced in obtaining raw materials for manufacture, both owing to the numerous strikes which then took place, and also on account of the unprecedented demand for electrical machinery and materials used in its construction: Every effort on the part of the manufacturers was made to complete the contract at as early a date as possible, and to attain this end, many of the men were working overtime until 9 p.m. The Bollers and Engines, which were constructed in Manchester, were also delayed by the Gas Strikes at that place, and by the difficulty of obtaining materials for manufacture.

The Boilers were finished and tested in the presence of Mr. J. W. Hart and myrell on 24th December, 1889, and two of the Engin were inspected and packed in the middle of anuary, 1890.

The first shipment of machinery left London on the 21st February, in the s.s. Benlarig, and arrived in Hongkong on April 12th. Since then all the heavier parts of the machinery, including 3 Engines and Boilers have been taken up to the buildings at Wanchai.

Two Assistants also arrived in the steamship Benlarie and are at present engaged in superintending the cleaning and fitting together of the various parts of the machinery; -an engine litter is expected to arrive here in a few

When I arrived in Hongkong on the 17th March, 1890, I found that the buildings had been delayed by the unfavourable weather of January and February. Since then, however, the weather has been more favourable, and good progress has been made; it is hoped that every part will be roofed in before the heavy rains commence. The work of building the founds tions for the Engines and Dynamos, also the settings for the Boilers, will be commenced

mmediately. With reference to the Street Lighting with Arc Lamps, the Government have promised the Company a contract for 50 lamps, and the Hon. the Surveyor General is at present deciding the positions where these lamps may be placed to the greatest advantage. 'As soon as this is done the work of erecting the poles and lines will be proceeded with without delay, and it is hoped that the Company will be in a position to supply the light by October.

The Government had also entered into a provisional arrangement with the Company for the supply of water to the Peak district. During last Autumn, however, they decided to adopt another scheme for pumping, and to carry it ou themselves, compensating the Company for any loss they might incur from the withdrawal of the work. It has since been decided that the compensation is to take the form of an increased number of lamps for street lighting, 14 lamps

being the extra number agreed upon. The Electrical Machinery that has been provided, both for the Arc lighting and Incandescent lighting, is of the best and latest, pattern much of it having been specially designed with a view to withstanding the trying conditions the Hongkong climate. As these climatic con litions have been constantly kept in mind during the manufacture of the plant, it is confident! expected that all the troubles that have been experlenced in other places, have been guarded

order to ensure a steady and reliabl service of the Electric Light (both Arc and Incandescent) it is intended to always keep an Engine and Dynamo in constant readiness for use, should one of those working fail from any

The safety of the consumer has also been specially considered, and to that end all apparatus which it is necessary to place in houses and is likely. In any way, to prove a source of danger m ddled with, has been provided with cast iron

air-tight cases. The Cempany have obtained a supply of Meters of the same class as those which are now being extensively used by the large London Companies, and "which have so far satisfaction. In order to insure that their indications continue to be accurate, the Company have purchased a set of the latest pattern Standard Measuring Instruments, by means of which all Meters will be checked periodically, I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

THE RICHMOND TERRAGE ESTATE AND BUILDING

W. H. WICKHAM,

COMPANY, LIMITED:

The following is the report of the General 1889, for presentation to the shareholders at the General Le Gendre stated that his journey recover the sums due on the shares held by John ordinary general meeting of the Company, to be south was for the benefit of his health, and Hunt After some discussion the Chief Justice held at the office of the Company (36, Queen's wer sincerely hope that he may recover, not sanctioned the comprenies. Road Central), at noon on Saturday, the 24th May, 1890;---

To the shareholders of the Richmond Terrace Estate & Building Company, Limited.

Balance Sheet for the year 1880.

outtoits boundaries, affording numerous valuable geration is a special gift which the new Korean 40,955-33 | building sites, approached by private roads at an | Adviser evidently does not possess, and so he fell easy gaidlent and commanding on all sides beau- | back on playing the game of ignorance, real or tiful views. This Estate is now divided into assumed. It is difficult to understand the raisan two lots by the Lower Richmond Road, while the dietre of the appointment of this elderly gentle-Upper Richmond Road traverses the southern | man to his present position, his qualifications, or upper boundary on which we are now build- so far as they are known, in no way fitting him ing. The roads and slopes have been planted as councillor on foreign affairs to the Governwith trees, and I have to acknowledge, with ment of Korea. It has been suggested that many thanks, the assistance that I have received General Le Gendre is the nominee of the Tokio

> The securities we hold are stated in detail, believe in its substantial accuracy. However, be and are written down to the present market price. that as it may, we know that Russia, America, The net profit, after payment of Interest to Japan and Korea are paddling in one canoe, Debenture holders, of Repairs and other while England, China, Germany and Italy are expenses, and including a balance of \$1,290.74 just struggling along in another, amidst a perfect brought forward from last year, amount to sea of political intrigues and conspiracies in the \$10,661.18, out of which I propose to pay a capital of Great Korea, as the natives call this dividend of 14 per cent., absorbing \$4,62.00, Bulgaria of the Orient. Our correspondent in and to carry forward \$5,999.18.

INO. D. HUMPHREYS, General Manager. Hongkong, 14th May, 1800. The first of the state of the s BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31ST, 1889. Capital Account:-Original Capital ......\$33,300.00

New Capital, to count ) for Dividends from > 66,700.00 January 1st, 1890...) **--\$100,000,00** Debentures, 233 of \$100 each, bearing Interest at 5 per cent. per annum. 23,300.00 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank ..... 153,724.38 Sundry Creditors .....

Profit and Loss '.

Crown Leasehold Estates and Buildings .....\$100,547.60 Investments in Public Companies. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., 2,050 shares at \$21 .....\$ 43,050.00 Hongkong Land In-

vestment & Agency Co., Limited, 50 shares at \$93..... Hongkong & Whampon Dock Co., Lt., 790 shares at 52 per cent. prem..... 150,100.00 Trust and Loan Co. of

China, Japan, and Straits Limited, Deposit on Application Tebran and Gambier Planting Co., 50 Shares at \$50 each

2,500.00 Surdry Debtors ..... Advances on Crown Leaseholds ..... 25,337.50

PROFIT AND LOSS. To Crown Rent, General Charges. Repairs, Fire Insurance, Auditor's Fees and Depreciation..... To Interest, Balance of Account ..... To Balance

Contra. By Balance forward ..........\$, 1,290.74 Rents, Investments, &c..... 12,493 07

Ino. D. Humphreys, General Manager. I have compared the above Statement wi the books and vouchers of the Company and

found it to be correct. A. W. MAITLAND. Hongkong, 14th May, 1890.

KOREA'S NEW ADVISER.

General Charles Le Gondre, an American citizen, for many years a resident in Japan and an officer in the Japanese army that invaded Formosa in 1874, has lately been appointed by the King of Korea to supersede Judge O. N. Denny as Vice-President of the Korean Home Office. This distinguished officer lately honoured Hongkong with his presence: Whe came down here from Tokio in the steamship City of Peking, put up at the Hongkong Hotel and returned to Korea via Yokohama and Tokio on the roth inst Feeling assured that there must be "something in the wind" our -representative obtained:

which may be summarised as follows:— 33 555

"Where ignorance (real or assumed) is bliss. 'tis folly to be wise," as we found out when Davidson, Theo, Sohst, T. S. Thomson, C. C. N. interviewing Korea's new Minister a few days Glass, and Lee Keng Yong liable to conago. General Le Gendre tried to make us believe that he knew nothing about Korean sum of \$51101.00 as being improperly paid affairs. He admitted that the King had apply by other con the 1st February, 1888, to Mr. pointed him Vice-President of the Home Office | C. C.N. Glass, for the purpose of converting 500. while in Soul (the capital), lately, but his stay ifully paid up shares then standing in Glass's. there was so brief as to preclude the acquisttion of any authentic information respecting | which then had 810 paid up on them. The either the domestic or foreign affairs which second summons sought to make Messrs. T. are such a puzzle to those who vainly endeavour. Sohst, T. S. Thomson, C. C. N. Glass, and Lee to unravel the knotted threads of chaos and Keng Youg liable for St.250 paid by them intrigue in the unhappy peninsular kingdom? He | on the 23rd March, 1880, to Mr. John Muir, to was aware that a Korean prince was living in | convert | 250 | fully paid up | shares standing in Hongkong, but as to the name of his Highness the name of Muir into ordinary shares which or the locality of his habitation, for the very life I then stood at \$15. 3) The third summons was to of him he couldn't speak with any approach to I make Messrs J. G. Davidson, T. Sohst, T. S. accuracy. [We, however, happen to know Thomson, and Casc. N. Glass, liable to contripositively that General Le Gendro called on the | bute \$500, being the amount repaid by them on said Prince as soon as he arrived here and valinly | thought August, 1889, to Mr. John Muir, to endeavoured to persuade His Highness to convert 100 full paid-up shares then standing in return to Korea, with him win Toklo |- Ed 71 his name into ordinary shares. Questioned as to whether or not he thought in China objected to his appointment in and Mr. Bailey for the Korea and the probable attitude of the Treaty Powers, he said he thought the Powers I prised at his appointment. As to Ching he payment by the Directors of a sum of \$724. failed to see that the matter was worthy of From an affidavitifiled by the Official Liquidator her close attention. The political refugee, Kim | it appeared that he only intended to ask for an O Kiun, who, since the atrocious outrages proce on the respondents to pay the difference perpetrated in the capital of Korea in the between the amount paid by the respondents to winter of 1884, has been living in Japan Messes. Glass and Muir, and the amount repaid under the special protection of the Mikado's to the Company by the present or past government was a persona theografia as holders of the shares. The affidavit then far as the General was concerned rithe had went on tongive the particulars of the claim. heard of such a person, but really could not and the Official Liquidator believed that such a say where he was now, nor what he was doing compromise would be beneficial to the Company, the might by this time be a Japanese subject, and if the compromise was accepted, the \$375 due on the other hand, he might not be one! The to the Company by John Muir will have been gallant General admitted the value of the public repaid, and also the sum of \$350 due by F. G. press, but regretted that his "very superficial West and J. L. Welch, and the sum of \$500 due knowledge of Far Eastern affairs precluded the in respect of shares held by John Hunt only will Manager for the year ended the 31st December, expression of any sound opinions and proposes to

only his health but the free use, of his tongue SHAREHOLDERS IN DEFAULT. before again reaching the shores of the Land . Mr. Napier, on behalf of the Official Liquidator, of Morping Calm. It is generally believed that then applied to have settled what is called the "diplomacy is the art of lying neatly." but this "B" list of contributors, which is the list of Gentlemen. I beg to lay before you our gentleman seems bent on following out a track! members of in the political arena peculiar to himself Hell the Company within the year before the date of The work on the Company's property during threw away some splendid chances during the winding up, still remained liable for calls on the year has been pushed forward as rapidly as interview, of putting a nice coloring on some of the the shares, which have not been paid up by the 

from: Mr. Ford, the Superintendent of the Foreign Office, and although that explanation of Botanical Gardens. And the state of the first the mystery, has been denied, we are inclined to Soul lately asserted that General Le Gendre The accounts have been audited by Mr. A. W. had been foisted upon the Korean Government by Japan, Russia and America; this assertion the General was not in a position to contradict he merely pleaded ignorance as to how or why the found himself suddenly transformed from the obscurity of private life into a great Vice-President of the Home Office in Korea.

#### INTERESTING SHARE CASE IN SINGAPORE.

The case Allinson v. Galstaun, which came before Chief Justice O'Malley on May 7th, developes (says the Straits Times) a number of interesting points..... Mr. Nanson appeared for the plaintiff and Messra, Joaquim and Everard for \$1,000 for breach of contract of purchase of fifty Rawang shares bought forward at \$20 on July 30th, 1889. The defence was based on various allegations to the effect that the defendant was induced to enter into the contract owing to false and fraudulent representations made by the plaintiff's broker who, it was alleged, stated that the Company was in a flourishing condition, and that a dividend would be declared; it was urged as a further set-off that at the time the shares were sold, the plaintiff knew that the affairs of the Company were in a bad state, the plaintiff, it was averred, being at that time Secretary of the

> Company. Plus Vistaria Mr. Nanson said that the first of these arguments was no doubt a good one, if the defendant could prove it.

> Only one witness was called for the defence in the person of the defendant himself, who gave evidence as to his purchase of the shares. and in support of the allegations made in the pleas for the defence. The witness apparently conscientiously believed himself to have been victimized, and Mr. Nanson's rigorous crossexamination caused very little deviation in his evidence. This closed the case for the defence. Mr. Nanson followed in an exhaustive speech in which the evidence was carefully gone over, and numerous cases of a similar nature cited. He considered the defence had not proved any of their points, and that there had been I neither fraud nor fraudulent intention, the Com-

pany on July 30th, 1880, having been presumably sound. The plaintiff was put into the witness box, and endorsed all the statements made by his counsel, stating that the sale was made at a time when the Company was considered a sound concern and an output of 4,000 piculs of tin ore was anticipated which output, had it been realised, would have put the affairs of the Com-'pany' into a most 'salisfactory condition. After the cross examination of this witness by Mr. Everaid, Mr. Schomburg, the broker, was sworn, his evidence coinciding with that of Mr. Allinson. A' plea for the plaintiff, and one confirmed both by Mr. Allinson and Mr. Schomburg, was that he (Mr. Schomburg) was not acting as plaintiff's agent, and plaintiff could not be considered responsible for any statements made by him in his capacity as a broker.

Immediately after the adjournment for tiffin, His lordship, without calling upon Mr. Nanson to reply, delivered, judgment in favour of the plaintiff for \$1,000 and costs. He said that his decision was in favour of the plaintiff; the contract was admitted by the defendant, and defendant set up a defence that he had been induced to enter into the contract by false representations made by Mr. Schomburg. His lordship held as a fact that Mr. Schomburg did not make any false representations, and on these grounds he. gave a verdict for the plaintiff for \$1,000 damages and costs.

THE RAWANG DIRECTORS

THE DIRECTORS AGREE TO PAY \$725. THE MANAGER'S CALLS REMAIN UNPAID. bits aboit Deficit of \$22,000.

The Straits Times reports that on the 8th inst., in Chambers, before Chief Justice O'Malley. at the linstance of the official Liquidator of the interview with the General after some difficulty. Rawang I'ln Mining Co., three summonses came on against the Directors of that Company. The first, summons, sought to make Messrs, J. G. tribute to the assets of the Company the I name into ordinary shares of the Rawang Co. Mr. Napler appeared for the Official Liquidator,

Mr. Napler asked the Chief Justice to sanction

Hornby it appeared that the whole of the by the improved means of transport. The present shareholders had paid up with the precious metals, too, are known to exist in large exception of John Muir, who still remains on | quantities in Manchuria, but the impossibility of the register for 200 shares, and John Hunt of Hongkong who remained on the register for 100 | porting the necessary machinery overland for so shares. It appeared that some correspondence had taken place between Mr. Hornby and John Muir, and that Mr. Hornby had been unable to recover the amount due by Muir. Instructions had been sent to Hongkong to suc John Hunt on these calls, but Hunt had written to say that he had absolutely no money to pay these calls and he was compelled to ask for time. From the balance sheet made out by Mr. Hornby, it appeared that approximately the claims of creditors and costs of winding up the Company would amount to about \$78,745, whilst the amount actually received by the Liquidator amounted to \$56,513.87, including the estimated value of a safe. The Court then gave leave to settle the "B" list of contributors.

THE SINGAPORE TRAMWAY COMPANY.

A POLYGLOT MEETING.

A SHAREHOLDER EXPRESSES HIS OPINION ABOUT THE DIRECTORS.

A meeting of the Singapore Tramway Company was held in the office of Messrs. Syme & Co. at noon on the 12th inst. where there were present:-Messra. Bonington, Cuthbertson, Stringer, Gaggino, and Captain Blair (Directors). A. Padday, S. Katz, J. F. Nicholson, J. Bastiani, and Ebramsah.

The notice calling the meeting was read, and the minutes of the last extraordinary meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Conington said the only business was to confirm the resolution passed at the last meeting; he proposed "That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies' Ordinance of 1889, and that the Hon'ble John Burkinshaw be, and is hereby, appointed liquidator for the purpose of such winding up." This was seconded by Captain Blair and

carried. Mr. Bastiani, who spoke in Malay, said that out of the 5,000 shares of the Company 1,000 had never been issued, and he wanted to know the reason.

Mr. Conington said the Directors had no power to issue more than 4,000 shares at that time. Mr. Bastiani said he wished to express his opinion of the Directors and he expressed it

rather forcibly-in French. There being no other business, the meeting terminated.—Straits Times.

#### RAILWAYS FOR CHINA.

The important news which we published on Thursday (May 15th), and which has since been fully confirmed, respecting the despatching of Mr. Kinder, Engineer-in-chief of the China Railway Company, and his assistant, Mr. Cox. by His Ex. Li Hung-chang to Manchuria, for the purpose of surveying the railway to Kirin. indicates a fresh departure in the Railway question. This move by the Viceroy of Chibli can hardly have been made of his own initiative. It is obvious that in ordering the survey of this line he is carrying out instructions from headquarters in Peking. We have learned upon good authority that when the Viceroy recently visited the capital to accompany the Imperial procession to the Eastern Tombs he was disappointed in his expectations of being able to bring round Prince Chun in favour of his longdreamt-of line to Tungchow. But with the terror of the Muscovite approach along the Trans-Siberian Railway in his heart, the father of the Emperor, whose inclinations are martial rather than commercial, turned a deaf ear to the representations of Li as to the advantages of the extension of the present railway | Seifu=A Kaleidoscope. system to within a short distance of the | Saru=Our common ancestor, capital, and the result of the interview, or rather the series of interviews, was disappointing to the Viceroy. The fact is that the Tungchow Railway, after being duly sanctioned, has been indefinitely shelved, and the ideas of the High Authorities in Peking with regard to railways have undergone another change since they were disturbed by the news of Russian activity with the Trans-Siberian Railway. There can hardly be any doubt that the Intest development is intended as a counter-blast to the Russian railway scare, which has afforded a healthy stimulus to the railway party in Peking, and has forced many of the bitterest opponents of the iron horse to recognize in railways, not their enormous potentialities from an industrial and civilizing point of view, but their absolute necessity as a means of defence against both internal and foreign foes. The railway, which now seems to have a better prospect of being proceeded with than any of its more recent predecessors, would be of vast importance as a strategic line, connecting, as it would, the present small railway system which the Viceroy has had constructed, with the large fortress and city in Manchuris, and bringing that vast region into rapid communication with the capital. As matters stand at present the great Songari river, which is the principal artery of Manchurla, is free to the access of the Russian Amur steam flotilla, while the vast region is inaccessible, except by the slow cart road, to the forces of the Chinese, and there is nothing to prevent or even attempt to oppose a Muscovite coup in this direction. Time after time has the danger of leaving this valuable position at the mercy of a possible enemy been pointed out by friendly advisers to the Chinese Government, but until the next warning, promised to be from the pickaxes of the Russian engineers, the men entrusted with the defences of the Chinese Empire closed their ears and their eyes to the fact that they were dwelling in a fool's paradise. Beyond yea or nay, it was because of the news, some six months ago, of the intention of the Chinese Government to construct a line of railway through Manchuria from Kaiping, that aroused the Russians to renewed activity with their line through Siberia, ostensibly as a preimmense strategic importance of the Manchurian as to imagine that a Celestial naval demonstra- destitution and famine raging in East Laos. In line, the High Authorities in Peking evidently tion in the waters of Spanish possessions in the determined to take it seriously in hand. That Pacific will overawe either the home or colonial population are living on banana stalks and wild the chief constructors of Li Hung-chang's rail. authorities of the Spanish Empire; or that such systematic survey, certainly is strong evidence of solution of knotty questions which may unhapsuch an intention. The disclosing of a definite, pily have arisen since China's demands met rallway to Kirin, have had this advantage; has a very decent fleet and one worthy of all Gazette. Shan-hai-kwan, Moukden, and Kirin, thus Pacific squadron. If we are not greatly mistaken

working them, owing to the difficulty of transmany hundred miles, was proved only a couple of years ago, when the Government tried to work the gold mines on the river Moho, in the northwestern part of Manchuria. It will be remem bered that on that occasion, recognizing the impractibility of getting the crushing machinery overland the Chinese tried to have it carried down the Amur in boats, but were prevented doing so by the Governor of the Amur, who referred the Chinese officials to their own failure to carry out the Treaty of Aigu , concluded in 1858, by which the navig lion of the two main tributaries of the Amur, the Usuri and Songari. which were thrown open to Russian and Chinese craft, to the exclusion of all others, was agreed to. By the construction of such a railway as that which Mr. Kinder is now surveying. China would be independent of Russian control of the Amur, and the rich mineral region of the North-west would be placed within easy reach of Newchwang. For the sake of China we trust she is in earnest this time, and that no further foolish obstacles will be raised against the completion of a line absolutely necessary to the safety of the Empire, hemmed in as she is by the dominions of the Czar on three sides, and discontented Korea on her Eastern frontier, forming a constant element of danger that may any day cause the dogs of war to be slipped from the uncertain leashes that now hold them .-Shanghai Mercury.

"JAPANESE AS SHE IS SPOKE."

(BY THE SINOLOGUE.) We have received letters from several correspondents inviting us to a discussion as to the accuracy of some of our definitions, and questioning our right to pose as an authority on the Japanese language. When these gentlemen cease marking their communica ions " private, and refrain from subscribing their real names thereto, we shall be able to deal with them in these columns. Our natural delicacy of feeling forbids our doing so now. We should be addressed, with proper respect, as the Sinologue, care of Herald Office. Hei? " Mo voroshi=Nuff sed. "Qui(t)c shuffishen." Samui hi="Tis a cold day."

Damare="Whisht ye divil." Yakamashi="Halt dat Maul."

Iya da yo, ikenai yo=" Now Rory be aisy! don't taise me no more." Hana="A flower," also means "nose,"

Umd=plum. Ex. Ume no hana=a "plumcoloured nose." Ume san=A girl's name (a "plum" of a girl). Ume also means type-setting. Ex. Ume chicai =a printer's error.

Bara-A rose. Ex. " Natsu no ichiban shimai no bara "=Tis the last rose of summer " Cho=a butterfly. Ex. O Cho san=a "butter; fly" of a girl.

Mitsu=honey. Ex. O Mitsu san=1" sweet Taki=bamboo. Ex. O Taki san=a 'bamboo'.

zling girl. Amah=A Japanese or Chinese governess who teaches the children of foreigners what they

should not know. Geisha=A professional beauty, a society belle, a leader of fashion, a ballet girl, a musichall star: a teacher of deportment and

calisthenics, a professor of the art of conversation, badinage and persiflage. Yakusha A Geisha of the male sex who is sup- drowned. Some sixteen corpses- were fished

ported by the female Geisha. Doko Maru="None of your business," but when addressed to a lady means "where art thou going to, my pretty maid?"

Dai Nihon=Great Japan. (Great Scott!). Daimyo=A feudal prince (obsolete). Junsa=The modern word for Daimyo.

Ovasumi nasal=Oh! give us a rest. When playing billiards this phrase means "boy, give me the rest." Yokohama = The capital of Japan. (Contains all the "capital" of the country).

Tokyo=A suburb to Yokohama. Kobe, Nagasaki, Hakodaie = Branches of Yoko-Hakodate is also a mission station.

Osaka=A suburb of Kobé. Kencho, Saibansho, Zeikan=Imposing build-

Shiranai - Agnosticism. Ma-titsu=Christianity. (Titsu=truth, Ma=a prefix intensifying the meaning of jitsu= "perfect truth"). The Japanese formerly mistook this work for Ma-juitsu (=sorcery, witchcraft) which is pronounced the same. Taniin sama=A Missionary.

Kakkaku=Writings, deeds, documents, pictures chits, paper, penmanship, etc., also to write (reduplicate form of the verb Kaku) as the phrase, Kakkaku yo=you write that

imono=Anything worn. Ex. The foreign clothes worn by Japanese. des' ka=Another form of Uso des' ka f=ls that a lie?

Gomen nasai=Please excuse me.- Japan Herald.

CHINA AND SPAIN.

It is just one year-since the Sprnish Government refused China's request for permission to establish consulates in Manila, and at other points in the Spanish colonies in the Pacific, and correspondent has now written us asking whether the late cruise of the Chinese Peivang squadron, with Admirals Lang and Ting, had anything to do with the aforesaid strange refusal of the Spanish Government?" We cannot speak positively upon this subject, but consider that our correspondent's supposition has refuse. This dry season has been remarkable been evolved from something more note- for its freedom from fires, that of Wednesday worthy than mere speculation. Nevertheless being the only one of any importance which has fire-His Worship adjourned the inquiry until we are reluctant to believe that the advisers of the Chinese Government can have been so silly Peking, the railway would undoubtedly bring would be better employed in devising "ways future before it, instead of the sleepy life which her restless northern neighbour-Russia; it now drags on for three quarters of the than in cruising demonstrating or blustering su picion.

completion of the Trans-Siberian railway is necessary (?) preparedness for possible military fontingencies in E stern Asia, and to assist Russian generals in rushing their bitallions to the (Governors-General of Siberia) have repeatedly stated in their despatches, to, and deli crations with, the Tsar's Council of State Russin's great railroad is finished in 1891, how many tens of miles of strategic railway will there be in China? This is a question which concerns England as well as China in view of he fact that Russia, Japan and America are acting in unison respecting the Corean peninsula. are brought into close contact and where, also, China's claims to paramount influence are being driven to the wall by the combined influence and intrigues of the three above-named nations.

FOOCHOW ..

roth May, 1890. Cash exchange has been during the week 1:020 *cash* per dollar.

We learn that prices for the new tea crop are much lower up country. Leaf is being offered freely at from 9 to 12,000 cash per picul.

Admiral Lang, commanding the Chinese Peiho Squadron, arrived at Pagoda Anchorage with seven of his war vessels on Thursday afternoon. the 8th inst.

We learn that some of the wealthiest Chinese merchants are subscribing for a silk embroidered umbrella which will be presented to the Acting departure from Foochow.

Another fire broke out in the city on the night understand that some two hundred houses were destroyed. How the fire originated is not known, but it is believed to have been caused by kerosine oil lamp. We are glad to learn that no lives were lost.

A rather hot war has been carried on lately between the native bankers and the pawn-shops The former have raised the value of silver, to which the latter strongly objected on the ground that their business would be ruined by such a proceeding. The pawnbrokers, seeing that no notice was taken of their protest, appealed to the authorities, but the decision was in favor of the

The reported intention of the Viceroy t resign his post, as mentioned in our last week' issue, is not without foundation. We now learn that news reached here a few days ago to the effect that His Excellency has been degraded, and the natives believe the report to be a fact, and are rejoicing at the news, because they consider that his reign over them has been a very unhappy one.

The review of war junks mentioned in our la issue is now an accomplished fact, and that part of the river where the review took place was crowd d with boats, full up with spectators to witness the proceedings; the Bridge was also crowded to its utmost. It seems, however, have been rather an unfortunate business alt gether, as some of the spectators lost the lives. On the eve of the review, while th "braves" were indulging in a trial of their ability before the commander, the wooden verandah, built expressly for him and hi numerous friends, gave way, and over forty them were thrown into the river, all of whom, with but few exceptions, were drowned. One the stone rails of the bridge also gave way caused by the pressure of the crowd, and fifteen men were precipitated into the river and out and a lot more are said to be fast stuck in the stone foundations of the Bridge. The numerous Mandarins who witnessed the review were not only delighted, but quite proud of the marcuvres of their "braves," especially the attack upon the enemy's junks, when some twenty of the "braves," armed with life buoys jumped into the river and swam to the enemy's junks and pretended to set fire to them. This part of the programme afforded much amusement to the vast crowds of spectators. - Echo.

## BANGKOK

May 3rd, 1?00.

We hear that another Celestial decamped on Tuesday: he was a trader at Sampeng and leaves creditors behind to the amount of some

away on board the steamer Mongkut. A serious accident occurred at the Arracan Milling Company's warehouse last Sunday morning. Several coolies were engaged in piling up sacks of rice, when suddenly the whole mass toppled over on to them, injuring four, one rather seriously. The men were taken to the

Hospital. The steamer Picciola, Capt. Neissen, has been in collision on the bar with a white-painted lorcha on Monday night. The Picciola had two plates on her starboard side broken and her starboard anchor with thirty fathoms of chain carried away. The repairs of the damage will retain the Picciola about a week at the Bangkok Dock

Kim Yoo, another enterprising Celestial, has left his creditors to mourn the loss of some 220,000 ticals. About 200,000 ticals are due to European firms and about 20,000 ticals to Chirese, and at the utmost 4 or 5 per cent. will be saved. Another Chinese firm, pressed to show up its standing, showed go,ood ticals due: to Europeans against about 20,000 ticals assets. A seriou: confingration took place near Wat Saket last Wednesday night, when nearly thirty houses were burned down. The cause of the fire is presumed to be carelessness on the part of the natives in selling fire to leaves and

occurred for some time past. Heart-rending accounts reach us..., of the,

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him to the Borispah prison for 30 days. front, as Baron Koiff and General Ignatieff good rations, for which the American Minister said he would pay.

The weather, all last month was very trying on the constitution of those who are not used i the troples, and fever and other minor disorders have disabled many from active work, while in some cases the results have been fatal. It is to be hoped that the heavy showers we have been having this week, which, by the way have not fallen a minute too soon, wil where English and Russian political rivalries | purify the air and prevent the further spreading of minorillnesses, A thunderstorm of somewhat alarming violence broke over Paklat on Thursday morning and was accompanied and followed by a very heavy rainfall. The crashes of thunder, heard at the beginning of the storm, sounded directly overhead and were startling in their loudness.

The Siamese lady who has for some time past acted as house-keeper for the late Captain Peter Veer has, a natural dread of the tedious and often uncertain mode of procedure of the probate court. .. Half an hour after her employer's demise she marshalled her host in the form of string of coolies and proceeded to remove the furniture and effects out of the house and transport them to a new home, which she had already prepared to receive them. Alas, for human hopes and plans is During her long and that his eagle eye was ever on the out-Treasurer, Chang Kuo-Cheng, on the eve of his look for law-breakers. She seemed very of the 7th instant, at about 8 o'clock, and we | the form of a club, and at his heels in the form of a cordon of his minions. The case was reported to the Austrian Consul-General who: considering the nature of the case, and the woman's apparent belief that she had a right to the goods, let her off with a caution. - Bangkok

FIRE IN STANLEY STREET.

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$100,000.

About a quarter to two yesterday morning (19th inst.) District Watchman No. 7 discovered fire in Mesers. A. S. Watson & Co.'s store in Stanley Street. He at once reported it at the Central Police Station. The flames had got a considerable hold of the upper part of the building (the second, third and fourth storeys) by the time the Fire Brigade arrived, which they did with marked promptitude after the alarm bells had rung out their stirring chimes. The fire blazed fiercely for about an hour, owing probably to the chemicals and other combustibles stored in the building. Immediately to the west of this godown is the back part of Messrs. Powell & Co.'s establishment and to the cast the large new premises of the Hongkong Dispensary, now in course of crection. With the greatest difficulty the firemen succeeded in confining the fire to the building in which it originated. The three upper floors, which contained drugs of various kinds, were completely gutted. In the basement of the store wines and spirits were stored, and had the flames got down to them the consequences would have been very serious indeed. By 3 10 a.m. all danger of the fire spreading was over, much to the relief of the astonished residents of Stanley Street, many of whom promptly moved their valuables to another part of the colony. Mr. Talbot, secretary of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., was the first to give the alarm to the members of the establishment, being aroused by the reflection of the fire on the houses opposite. He said he heard what seemed to be an explosion and supposed it possible that the fire could be traced from the gas meter at the back of the blocked-up door-way. Quite close to this door there is a lift running from the basement to the top of the building, with a staircase winding round the lift chamber. Fire originating near the bottom of this opening would naturally rush upward by the force of the current of air generated. Another version is that the fire began in the basement and that the noise Mr. Talbot heard was the fall of the lift when the rope was burnt. The surrounding buildings. are somewhat damaged by water. The goods in Messrs, Powell's back store, the roof of which is said to be somewhat leaky, are much spoiled by water. The Chinese and Indian shops fronting. Queen's Road, at the back of which is the burnt 60,000 licals. No European firms are touched, store, also suffered from the water, but the Mr. C. E. Heck, the new Inspector of the | damage is not great. There has not yet been Opium farm, had a lucky beginning. On time to estimate the value of the goods burned, Tuesday he made a seizure of some 1,600 ticals | but the loss will not be much under \$100,000. worth at Mr. M. B. Cohen's saw-yard, and on Messrs. Watson & Co., are fully covered by W dnesday he found so tins of opium stowed insurance in the office of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.

Another theory which is affoat respecting the possible origin of the fire is that one of two coolies who were lately liberated after "doing" six months for largeny upon Messrs. Watson & Co., s premises, purposely set fire to them out of pure spite. We merely report this as a rumour. Anyhow the origin of this fire is wrapped, as usual in such cases, in a good deal of mystery.

A PRESH OUTBREAK. Fire again broke out in Messrs, Watson & Co.'s premises in Stanley Street at a quarter past eleven last night. It was in the fourth storey and appeared to be caused by the wind passing through the open windows and thus fanning into flames the smouldering embers. "The Fire: Brigade i was non the spot-in less than elight minutes, the police detachment smothering the blaze in a few minutes with a powerful jet vof water from the Tytam main! MADISTERIAL INQUIRY.

An inquiry was held before Mr. Wodehouse at the Magistracy this morning into the circumstances attending the fire in Stanley, Street yesterday morning." After taking the evidence of Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Allen, the coolie who but the lights out, the Chinaman charge of the godown, and the district watchman -which threw no light upon the origin of the Tuesday the 27th instant, at 10 o'clock.

BARRADAS ARRESTED IN MANIES

on this matter, but we would respectfully suggest | Money Order Office, by the Spanish authorities magnitude, while the important trace is very marked and fool-bardy in view of Jones, who had engaged his services as interest the mass of fool-bardy in view of Jones, which are is very marked and fool-bardy in view of Jones, which are is very marked and fool-bardy in view of Jones, which are is very marked and fool-bardy in view of Jones, which are is very marked and fool-bardy in view of Jones, which are is very marked and fool-bardy in view of Jones, who had engaged his services as interest the mass of the last trip interest the mass of the mass of the last trip interest trip interest the mass of the last trip interest trip inter

quite on the cards that the Manila Government, 1880, which the office boy brought to him at his Colonel Childs also ordered the officer to have many raise objections to handing over the pre- request. By the number of the bills he found him confined in the section set apart for Euros cious person of Mr. Z. M. Barradas. It would that they referred to Messrs. Russell & Co., peans and to see that he was supplied with appear from the Governor-General's telegram therefore he had interviewed that firm with the subject, and unless this claim can be set aside diffigulties may be raised as to his extradition to jurisdiction may arise, and it is hard to say, what view the Manila judicial authorities will take. of a case, which they may decline to recognize. as coming under strict international law. Of course, it is to be hoped that the Governor-General of the Philippines will see his way to handing over Barradas to the Hongkong police officer who will leave here by next steamer, on prima facis evidence of his crime being adduced, as the man's guilt is as clear as the light of day; case which is essentially, for many reasons, of impress on the Hongkong Government the absolute necessity of taking every precaution to satisfy the requirements of the Spanish Courts. not merely as to the prisoner's identity, his crime. and his running away to evade justice : but also as to this nominal nationality. Is Barradas a Portuguese subject? We doubt it very much. He has been an employe of the Hongkong Post Office for nearly twenty years, and it is more than doubtful if his name will be found registered in residence in the house she had never learnt that hthe carchives of the Portuguese Consulate-Inspector Sheriff resided only a few feet awayin General in this colony. So far as Barradas is personally concerned it would not matter ten cents if the got clear away and passed the that what the prisoner entered on a credit slip much surprised when he swooped down on her remainder of his days writing Portuguese with all the majesty of the law in his hand, in verse in some uninhabited island in the wide . At this juncture Mr. Johnson applied for an Pacific; but a very much larger issue than is represented by this miserable specimen of a quarter past two to-morrow afternoon. deprayed humanity is at stake in the present inquiry. The Hongkong Post Office and its directors and managers are on their trial, and to do it and them full justice we want the confession and evidence of Barradas. Therefore we trust the Hongkong Government will leave no stone unturned to prevail on the Governor-General of the Philippines to send us back our much lamented Superintendent of the Money Order Department by the earliest steamer available.

> ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT BY A BANK CLERK.

> > MAGISTERIAL PROCEEDINGS.

¡Yesterday afternoon (14th inst.) Mr. John Moffat, sub-accountant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, applied at the Magistracy for a warrant for the arrest of a Portuguese clerk/named A. M. P. Silva, on a charge of embezziement. The warrant, which charged prisoner with embezzling in the aggregate \$44,780.92, was placed in the hands of Detective McIver, who went down to the Bank and arrested Silva at about half-past six o'clock in the evening. The accused, who was at his desk, seemed rather astonished, but walked up to the Central: Station quite composedly. Silva is quite a young man and of most respectable family, his father having for many years held an important position in the Government Audit Office of this colony. It is currently stated that prisoner's father offered to pay the Bank the amount of the alleged defalcations, but Mr. T. Tack on the chief manager, acting under instructions from the Court of Directors, was unable to entertain the proposition.

Silva was brought before Mr. E. Robinson at the Police Court this morning at about half-past eleven o'clock, and seemed to feel his position but little when entering the dock.

The Court-room was crowded to excess, the. Portuguese element predominating.

Mr. A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor, prose cuted, and Mr. D. E. Caldwell appeared for the

Mr. Johnson in opening the case said tha prisoner was a clerk in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and was charged with the larceny of \$21,296.15 on the 31st of August, 1880, and \$23,484.77 on the 26th of September, 1889. The prisoner was arrested only last night so that it was impossible to produce full evidence at once all he would do at present would be to lay before

his Worship formal evidence and ask for a Robert Thomas Wright stated he was a clerk in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and last August and September he was in charge of the Bill department. The prisoner was under him. The two documents handed to him by Mr Johnson purported to be an entry for bills purchased by the Bank, and indicating that certain bills were registered in a bill book kept especially for the purpose. The amount \$23.484.77, debited on the note, was in prisoner's hand-writing. Bills for the amount stated were not purchased on the date, entered, namely, the 26th of September 1889. It was a false youther. The second document was a voucher by which the prisoner credited his own account with the amount of \$23,484.77 on the 26th of more. last September. It was also in prisoner's handwriting. The three items entered on the

document were, as far as he knew, fictitious; but he had not yet made special search in connection with the affair. The sums mentioned were placed to prisoner's credit. Cheques had been drawn against the credits thus obtained. The full amount was passed to prisoner's credit in the books of the Bank. Prisoner had drawn cheques against these amounts. The defendant's full

Cross-examined by Mr. Caldwell :- The docu-

ment shows bills collected which had not been

actually purchased. It was not the prisoner's

name was A. M. P. Silva.

duty to burchase bills." His duty was to enter bills in a register as they came in. Prisoner was sole keeper of the register of bills. He had to make a corresponding entry on a special form. such as was now exhibited in court. The bills came to witness, and he then handed them over to the prisoner, whose desk was exactly opposite his. He would know before the prisoner about such bills, because they came to himsin an envelope. He always passed the Bills:over to the prisoner to have them entered up in the register. After the form was filled up In the present case no reference was made it icames to, him, together with a credit for herbs. Whole villages have been descried, the We are indebted to the Spanish Consul at corresponding amount in favour of the firm way should be so soon despatched to begin a demonstration would lend towards a speedy people flying to more favored districts. The this port for information of the arrest of Z. M. sending in the bill. He (witness) initialed all central Government in Bangkok has kept silent | Barradas, the absconding embezzier, of the such forms, as in duty bound and performed that duty every day. A The exhibit was not policy and of an alarming counter-measure with such a stern refusal. But, of course, it was that some measures of relief should be taken in at Manila. On receipt of an application from the limitaled; Li-He did, not check the register of Russia, by the bare rumour of a Chinese jost as well to let the Spaniards see that China aid of the famine-stricken region.—Mercantile Hongkong Government to advise the Governor- overy day; As a matter of fact he did it General of the Philippines that the absconder everyweek, tafter the departure of each rauway to kurin, nave nau ting advantage in the death of that the doughty, that China is forced to play her hand, now all the powder and shot that the doughty, that she has almost unwittingly shown it to her dreaded neighbour. 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The lighter was on her way lency to the vast region and means for the day-book. As down to Koh-si-chang and ran into the steamer, that Zellado Maria Barradas, a Portuguese soon as they are entered up, the clerk hands nothing for his Worship but to commit the products to the outside world. The port of (North and North-cast); in the centralization of leaving a good sized sir-hole in her port bow. products to the outside words and the hours watching It is not definitely known which or whose lighter the whole bundle circulates the admission referred only to one item of Newchwang would then have a prosperous power in Peking; and in hourly watching It is not definitely known which or whose lighter to one item of did the damage, but there is a very strong the application made from Hongkong. His through the various departments in the course of \$23,484.77. Excellency further added that unless an applica : business at Ultimately the bundle of vouchers year. The trade in wild silk, which has, in Spanish or other southern waters, and increased so much within the last three or four squabbling over the establishment of so-called and arrested young Higgins, who became made, the prisoner would be set at liberty. The keeper of the day-book should see increased so much within the state of the Carolines. China's famous here some time back by decamping that all youthers are initialed. He had looked Dectective Mclver having deposed as to the years, would probably become one of great consulates in Mapile or the Carolines. China's famous here some time back by decamping that all youthers are initialed. He had looked Dectective Mclver having deposed as to the years, would propably become one on great countries and the surrender of Barradas on a rest of the Bank at half-bust magnitude, while the important trade in bean-callousness respecting her most vital interests with 50 ticals, wages advanced to him by Mr. the surrender of the important trade in bean-callousness respecting her most vital interests with 50 ticals, wages advanced to him by Mr. the surrender of the important trade in bean-callousness respecting her most vital interests with 50 ticals, wages advanced to him by Mr. the surrender of the prisoner in the Bank at half-bust was the bean-callousness respecting her most vital interests.

that Barradas, who evidently knows what result that they stated no such bills were purhe is about, claims to be a Portuguese chased on that date. From it he inferred that the document was fraudulent. By the other it is more than likely that insurmountable document the prisoner claimed of the Bank. \$23,484.77 on the 26th September 1889. He then the Hongkong Government. The question of | had an account with the Bank. It was quite in order that forms should be filled up as per exhibit. He would not say that any clerk in the Bank could get a large credit by filling up such a form. The defendant's case was not an ordinary case. He had been six years in the service of the Bank and was trusted. He had money in the Bank, and his relations were known to be wealthy. Therefore no exceptional care was taken in his case. Ordinary care was, however, taken. The first item on the credit but to prevent any miscarriage of justice in a slip was a cheque by Lopes for \$22,500; the second purported to be dividend warrants vast public importance, we would strongly of the Douglas Co. for \$900; and the third entry was his own cheque for \$4.77. The witness had not gone into the matter to find out whether or not the cheques and dividend warrants had any real existence. The prisoner got credit for \$23,484.77 simply by writing on the two forms: (slips) exhibited and putting them into a box. In the case of outsiders it must be ascertained that every document mentioned onthe slips are actually in the Bank's possession. The form produced was a credit slip. The cashler would collect the amounts of cheques and dividend warrants. In August, 1889, Mr. W. H. Wallace was the cashier. It would be taken for granted

adjournment, which his W rship granted until

At the Police Court this afternoon (16th inst.). Mr. E. Robinson on the bench, A. M. P. Silva was charged, on remand, with the embezzlement of \$44,484.77 belonging to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Mr. A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. Caldwell defended.

The court was again crowded with foreigners and Chinese.

Thomas Jackson stated he was Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. He first became aware of the prisoner's defalcations by his father calling last Wednesday about half past three o'clock and stating that his son had taken certain monies belonging to the Bank, owing to his having got into trouble, through some share speculations. The father said his son had taken from forty to forty-five thousand dollars and added that he (the father) was very anxious to do anything he could to make good the loss. Witness stated that this having come, to his knowledge he must bring it before the Court of Directors. He then called the accountant. (Mr. Maitland) and he had an interview with Mr. Silva, Senior, Mr. Maitland then saw the prisoner, who pointed out the items that had been falsified. . Witness did not speak to the prisoner.

Cross-examined by Mr. Caldwell-Before the father spoke to him he had no idea that there was anything wrong, neither was he aware that anyone else knew it. The prisoner certainly had innumerable opportunities of leaving the Colony since last August without detection. After he had seen Mr. Silva, witness went to Mr. Maitland's desk. He saw the prisoner there, where the vouchers were beeing examined. It seemed to him that the prisoner was making full and complete disclosures. His whole impression was that the prisoner did not wish to conceal anything. He showed no desire to run out of the Bank building. Witness instructed Mr. Maitland to enquire into the matter. He did not know Silva's predecessor in the Bill department. He could not tell exactly who it was. It seemed to him, speaking from his own knowledge of this and other banks, that a case like this was almost impossible to occur But in spite of all safeguards, it appeared that a man could commit a fraud, no matter how you watched him. He had not specially enquired whether the usual safeguards were in this particular instance applied. Although he had heard of plenty of robberies and frauds, he had never heard of a previous instance of bills being scheduled which did not exist at all.

Andrew Wright Maitland said he was Chief Accountant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. He remembered Mr. Jackson coming to his desk on Wednesday afternoon. He went to find prisoner and did find him walking about in the office. He asked him what was the matter. Prisoner had heard that his father had been to the Chief Manager and told of something dreadful which had happened. Prisoner told witness briefly that he had passed entries for bills which the Bank had never received. Witness asked him what he had done with the money, and Silva replied that he had used it for losses on Sugar shares. He then pointed out the entries of certain bills in the register which he said did not exist. He pointed out nothing

Cross-examined: -When he had the conver-

sation with prisoner he did not know whether Mr. Jackson was there or not. Prisoner was agitated and answered in subdued tones. The prisoner gave him the information he asked for. Before that date he did not know of anyone who was cognisant respecting these defalcations. some of which took place in August last. If the usual form had been observed there might have been some questions about it, because it would be surprising that such a youth should be engaged in such large transactions. These large amounts would be entered in a ledger which was kept usually by an English clerk. But sometimes, when the Bank was short-handed. Portuguese clerks keep the ledgers, but only as a temporary measure. In the case of the prisoner the sums would be passed into the ledger of the man who has charge of the ledger "S." In the case of overdrawn accounts, cheques would be referred either to witness or to the sub-accountant. In the case of credits no reference need be made with regard to outsiders; but in the case of large credits by junior clerks in the Bank, reference should be made to him or the sub-accountant. to him by the ledger keeper. The balances

were made up at the end of last year. Not being within his knowledge he could not say how the balance: was struck last year and this matter escaped notice. As far as he knew there was nothing to prevent the prisoner from running away before last Wednesday. He knew Acurcio Jorge, who had the prisoner's scat in the Bank, prior to the prisoner being in the bill department. He thought the prisoner succeeded him about June last year. Mr. Jorge had been many years in the Bank's service, and was an old and trusted servant bottovo is before the tottox one test the Mr. Caldwell in summing up said that the

prisoner was not prepared, at that time, to He admitted the charge. There was, therefore,

Mr. Johnson then stated that he considered dunecessary at present to go into any further evidence regarding the other item of \$21,296.15.

#### THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

A meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.'s offices at noon on the 20th inst. There were present: -Mr. B. Layton (Chairman); Messrs. W. H. Ray, W. Judd, S. L. Darby, C. A. Ozorio and C. F. Harton, Secretary. The resolutions passed at the meeting held on the 8th instant were read and confirmed, thereby "authorizing the Directors to borrow the sumof \$50,000 by the creation of Debentures bearing interest at \$12 per cent. per annum."

#### HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The oth competition for the Kwoon Kwan Yeen Challenge Cups terminated on Saturday last. The four best scores are appended :-

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VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

REPORTS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES AND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1889-1890. Committee:—President, H. E. Sir G. William des Vœux, K.C.M.G., Chairman :- Bath-House Sub Committee, J. M. Laing, F. Shepherd, and A. G. Stephen. Boat-House Sub-Committee, Capt. Davidson, E. Friedrichs, and A. Turner. Gymnasium Sub-Committee,"D. Kennedy, Fr. W. Koch, and C. H. Thompson. Hon. Treasurer, R. T. Wright. Hon. Secretary, G. C. C.

REPORT OF THE BOAT-HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE. The amount expended during the past season on repairs to the boats has been rather heavier than usual.

It was thought advisable before the Regatta (on the principle of a stitch in time saves nine) to send the six fours and four Double Sculling pairs 2 Class over to the Dock Company to have them thoroughly overhauled, repaired and painted, which was most efficiently done, and the thanks of the Club are due to the Dock Company for so kindly undertaking the work and only charging cost price for same.

Besides which, there have been the usual incidental repairs, more especially to the B Class tubs, which appear to have a marvellous knack of damaging themselves, at least we presume so. as although there is a rule to that effect, accidents and mishaps are rarely reported. Of course a good deal of the damage done arises from the inexperience of the members using the boats. which are not suitable for beginners. It is not fair to expect those who have never been in a boat before in their lives, to get into an unstable crait, such as these are, and to at once master the use of sculls and slide; one has only to watch the futile efforts of some members to get away from or approach the raft to understand how difficult it must be for them to avoid sampans and other obstacles when out in the harbour. Every one must have a beginning, and accidents arising from this cause must be expected, but we do wish members would report same so that the damage could be seen to and repaired at once; as by leaving same to be found out the boat is often used several times in the meanwhile and the damage materially increased thereby.

We hope in time to see these tubs entirely done away with, as they are expensive to maintain, being easily damaged, and besides generate a very bad style of rowing. To learn to row a man should be in in a good steady boat with fixed seat and capable of holding someone to coach him; in this way he will learn more in a week than he would in a year going out by himself in one of the present tubs, in fact now he probably picks up faults which no amount of future coaching will eradicate.

The B Class are very badly off for boats. Two Double Sculling Gigs with fixed seats are now being built and will be ready for use in a few weeks, and we hope that next season it may be possible to add some more boats to this class. The cars for the six fours A 2 Class being a

very scratch lot, and it being considered that the Club had expended all that it could be fairly asked to on the rowing members, a subscription was got up amongst them, which enabled a complete set for each boat and several spare ones to be ordered from Salter of Oxford, England, which we think from their balance and handlness have given universal satisfaction to members using them, and we trust in future, when possible, all oars and sculls will be got from home.

Nothing can be said about the sculling boats, A I Class, except that the wonder is that they have held together for another season. There are so very few members who scull that the Club is not justified in buying new boats, and members who wish to indulge in this form of rowing should keep private ones, as these light craft will not stand being used by four or five members, each with a different style of sculling,

There has been no diminution of interest taken by members in rowing. The Regatta last year was, a success, and in February a further fillip crew to compete against us, when, although we seat, coming in third to the two former; we hope, Regatta a similar race may be got up in which we trust the result will be reversed.

LIST OF BOATS.

A 1 Class.

A & Class. 4 Double Sculling pairs. B Class. 2 Double Sculling pairs. 9 Sculling tubs. E. FRIEDRICHS.

Capt. DAVIDSON, (absent).

A. TURNER

2 Sculling boats.

REPORT OF THE BATH-HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE. The Bath House has been overhauled as usual and, with the exception of several decayed

piles, is in good repair. The Committee have been unable to learn anything definite as to how long the Bath House will be allowed to remain in its present position, and they have thought it undesirable to incur more expense in repairing it than has been actually necessary for the safety of the structure, and the comfort of bathers.

The Aquatic Sports were held on the 23rd and 24th August, and the various events were well contested by a large number of competitors—it is a matter of regret, however, that more of the older members did not compete.

A. G. STEPHEN, 1 Sub-Committee. I. M. LAING.

REPORT OF THE GYMNASIUM SUB-COMMITTEE. The rain-storm of the 20th and 30th May last caused a partial collapse of the back wall of the Gymnasium, and the hall was flooded thereby to the height of about one foot-the water lifting I shall endeavour to introduce here at the the flooring, which had to be re-laid entirely. The classes were recommenced on the first of October and were regularly attended by a good number of members up to the 30th April. To our regret, Staff-Sergeant Mills left the Colony in the beginning of February, his term of service having expired, and the esteem in which he was held by his pupils was shewn, on their part, by

At the Amateur Athletic Sports held at the Happy Valley on the 8th March, a competition was included for exercises on the Horse, but we regret to say only two entered. The Cup was won by Mr. W. Jackson.

memorial. We succeeded in retaining the

services of his successor, Staff-Sergeant Tennant

for the remainder of the season and it is proposed

An intended competition in Gymnastic and Defensive exercises, and Boxing did not come off on account of insufficient entries; it is proposed to hold the contest this year earlier in the season ie. in the first half of February, when, no doubt, many will be more likely to compete feeling themselves in a better state of health, to show the proficiency attained during the wintermonths. In conclusion the Committee have to say that the Gymnasium is in a fair, state of repair and that the new. "buck" recommended in our last report has been procured from home to our entire satisfaction.

Gymnasium

D. KENNEDY.

FR. W. KOCH, Sub-Committee.
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE "VICTORIA  RECREATION CLUB" FOR THE YEAR  ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1889.  Cash.  To Subscriptions
\$5,501.43
By Balance\$1.080.81

" Wages ...... 1,117.60

... Advertising and Printing ......

... Repairs, Boats and Boat-house......

, Repairs, Bath-house

" Gymnasium .....

Aquatic Sports.....

" New Stock, .....\$283.75

" Oars ...... 162.76

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" "Regatta"	\$5,501.43
REGATTA ACCOUNT. To Subscript ons "Special" "Entrance Fees "Balance to V. R. C. Account	255 00
By Refreshments  " Advertising and Printing  " Cash Prizes  " Wan Hing  " Use of Launch Marina  " Steam-launch Co	89.85 230.00 462.00 50.00
	\$1,912.05
TYPHOON ACCOUNT. To Balance,	\$1,655.06 82.75
By Balance,	\$1,737.81

R. T. WRIGHT, Hon Treasurer.

W. R. McCallum, Auditor. Hongkong, 16th May, 1890.

Freasurer and find the same to be correct.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

Club was quite up to the usual high standard,

I have compared the statement with the Books

and Vouchers in the possession of the Hon.

SHANGHAI SPRING RACES. So far as the actual racing was concerned the recent Spring Meeting of the Shanghai Race

and in fact, but for the very poor exhibitions in such important events as the Derby, Shanghal was given to rowing by Singapore sending up a | Stakes, and Chau-Shang-Kuik Cup, it would have been an almost unqualified success. Favorably descated them twice in the fours, they took the situated as the turfites of the Model Settlement sculling race. A miniature Regatta was organised are in regard to obtaining a practically unlimited on this occasion and amongst other races was one | supply of race-poples at low prices, and possesbetween the Navy, the Regiment, Singapore and | sing exceptional facilities for training almost the Club, in which the Club bad to take a back throughout the year, with many other advagtages unknown to Hongkong, it would indeed however, that this will only prove an incentive be singular if the Race Club's half-yearly to members to keep up practice and that next reunions at any time failed to produce big fields and good sport. But notwithstanding all these advantages, it will generally be admitted that racing in Shanghai for some years past has been a very long way behind the sport of monarchs as carried out under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club in the famed Happy Valley. It can hardly be that the racing men in this colony are either better or truer sportsmen than their confrores in the North, although there can be no doubt that the comitant of successful racing all the world over; the Shanghai Stakes when pitted against the secessary to do something to protect ourselves is immeasurably stronger in the British colony flying Zephyr. Vaticinator is rather smaller against the Hongkongites who make a business. Profit on steamers who make a business. Profit on steamers who make a business of what should be sport. Mr. Sassoon himself Rice transport. spirit of betting—that absolutely necessary condisposed to entirely agree with the argument that hands, 3 inches, but he is powerfully set up, and saces for his pleasure, but his satellites make | Cargo, boaf hire for sice transit is the frequency of race meetings in Shanghal has all the appearance of a race-pony of high the turf a trade. Therefore we rejoice to see that accounts for the comparatively limited general class. His performances at this meeting were them on toast for once." interest exhibited; but be the reason what it most consistent, as after running second to Hero A day or two before this literary gem Godown rent for customers Sub-Committee.

more thoroughly sporting type than it is in Zephyr in the Champions.

imitate with advantage many of the regulations and customs of the Shanghai Race Club, especially in the treatment of visitors and during race days. he had proved superior to Zephyr, and although Every possible courtesy is shown to strangers; this high estimate was generally discredited, well as by private members; not only are tickets of admission to the Grand Stand provided, but polite invitations to the daily Club liffing are invariably forwarded, and any information on racing matters is frankly and freely given. No standard, and until you are close up to him doubt when the New Grand Stand in the Happy Valley has become an accomplished fact, and that will be at no far distant date, the Hongkong Jockey Club will endeavour to extend to visitors similar courtesies and hospitality, so freely tendered to Hongkong "sports" at Shanghal and the Coast Ports. There is onevery important privilege which the Shanghai Stewards retain, -and which next meeting of the Jockey Club-that is with reference to electing visitors as qualified to ride. during the meeting. By one of the rules of the Hongkong Jockey Club no person is qualified to ride unless he is a member of the Club-a ridiculous restriction, in my opinion, which bears very hardly on naval and military officers who may be here only temporarily, and on the presentation to him of an address and a visitors generally, as before they can be qualified to ride they are mulcted in a heavy entrance fee and a year's subscription. The working Stewards of every meeting, that is the Judge, Clerk of the | 29 4-5th secs., but Hero's actual time was about to again secure his services, if available, after | Scales, Starter, and C. C., should be empowered | 1,27. Again, in the Derby-where the quality to concede to any qualified visitor the privilege of Shanghai sport and sportsmen was painfully of the present rule to meet this suggestion would the Griffins' winner was composed of two highly appreciated by visitors.

The Shanghai Grand Stand, although a vas improvement on the ramshackle structure in the Happy Valley, is still a long way from being perfect. It struck me that the accommodation for ladies was susceptible of great improvement and on the steps of the Stand, the coign o vantage from where most of the talent plant themselves during a race, the ponies are actually lost to sight after entering the straight until opposite Belle Vue. Surely some arrangement could be made to have the trees removed that obstruct a full view of the race-course from this popular and convenient stand-point! The coffee-room, ladies' rooms, etc., are very well arranged, and leave very little ground for fault-finding, but I was very much struck with the altogether inadequate accommodation provided for the general public. Members of the various clubs and their friends, as well as visitors from other ports, have everything they want, but for outsiders the provision made is anything but creditable. I met a couple of sea-going friends on the lawn who insisted on my joining them in a friendly tipple, and they took me to a place like a barn underneath the Grand Stand which I was informed was the public bar and tiffin room. A disappointing attempt had been made to secure a sort of semi-privacy for the tiffin-room by partially fixing it up with matting, but it looked more like an enclosure for keeping goats than for the proper entertainment of the public. And yet there is ample space for the fitting up of a comfortable bar and convenient luncheon room, whilst the cost could only be trifling. Mr. Reilly, of the Central Hotel, who runs this part of the show, should see to it before next meeting.

And now for a few words generally about "by the clock" were exceptionally good, especially considering that, owing to the weeks of wet weather preceding the meeting, nearly the whole of them were palpably short of work. The mighty skewbald, Hero, did not belie his private reputation, and stood out by himself from all his compeers, but Vaticinator, Autocrat, Black Leaf, Unicorn, Vagrant, Sahara, Likelihood, and Envy, are all promising race-ponies that are likely to be heard of again. The last named, the property of Mr. Buxey, a shapely little pony and a grand mover, was amiss throughout the meeting, or he would probably have earned a winning bracket to his name, while Autocrat was so big and in such bad condition for racing that it was a great error of judgment to start him at all. However, Mr. Chantrey's grey is such a good-looking one and so powerfully put going wrong with Hero, his chance of winning the Shanghai St. Leger ought not to be overlooked. Unicorn, a remarkably well shaped roan in Mr. Sassoon's stable, has a tremendous dash of speed, and ran so prominently in the Griffins', after being left behind at the start, that I think, with the skewbald out of the way, he would have cleverly won that race; but I am doubtful about his staying powers, as he was rather easily beaten in the Manchu Stakes by Vaticinator and Autocrat, after looking all over a winner at the entrance to the straight run-in. Sahars, a big brown with powerful quarters, ought to have easily won the Jockey Cup for Mr. Sassoon, but his jockey was quite helpless at the finish and Mr. W. Crawford on Venture, a flyaway chesnut of Mr. Humphreys', scored lucky victory. In the Taotai's Cup Bahara made amends for this unlucky defeat by winning a grand race from the penalised Elegant, with Visitant, Fontency and five others in the field. Likelihood took my fancy very much, and in the hands of Mr. Dallas he landed the Spring Cup (one mile) in good style from six opponents. This was the only race in which that pony took part. Black Leaf is one of the gamest griffins that ran at the meeting, and he can both stay and go fast. After finishing close up with Vaticinator in the Griffins the racing-like black was very unlucky i succumbing by a short head to Vagrant in the Racing Stakes; but he scored an easy win in the Concordia Cup against nine opponents, and followed this up by entirely upsetting the calculations of the talent by running clear away, from Dolores (71b. ex), Autocrat, Volcano, and three others in the Pari-Mutuel Cup. It is somewhat singular that Black Leaf, Likelihood, and Envy. three of the best griffins at the meeting, were cast-offs from Mr. Sid's (of Hongkong) stable, and were picked up at auction for a few taels each. Such is one of the phases, and by no means an unusual one, of the glorious uncer-

Mr. J. D. Humphreys has a pair of good may, racing in Hongkong, with all our dist in the Griffins' and Derby, he won the Manchu appeared, four "Hongkonglies" had arrived

tainty of racing.

advantages, and up to date their name have Stakes from a big field and then placed the seal been legion, is keener, less mercenary, and of a | on his racing fame by beating Noirmont and

How good Hero is, nobody outside M The Hongkong Jockey Club might, however, Sassoon's stable can have any accurate idea. When he was first trained last year it was currently reported that by collateral private trials by the executive of the Shanghai Race Club, as | would now appear that it was not far from the truth. Hero, if not the tallest is (with the possible exception of Zephyr) certainly the most powerful China race-pony I have ever looked over He measures 13 hands 3 inches under the scarcely looks so high; he has capital shoulders. grand propelling power, and a barrel like thoroughbred horse. This famous skewbald has the reputation of being vile tempered, a "maneater "and a lot more to the same effect, whereas be is as quiet as a sheep in the stable and behaves on the race-course as one would naturally expect a high-mettled racer to behave when surrounded by a ridiculous cavalcade of mafoos, mounted and on foot, worrying the pony's heart out. Hero has a good, honest, gamelooking head, and he showed in the Derby, where Vaticinator made a gallant but hopeless attempt to cut him down, undeniable courage, and I have no hesitation in saying that he is a pony of the very highest class. His public form will stand analysing. In the Griffins, after being absolutely left at the post, he rushed through his field in the first quarter of a mile and won in a common canter, the official time of the race being I min. of riding during the meeting without payment of evident from the fact that for the principal classic any fee, and I am convinced that an alteration race of the meeting the local opposition to both work well and meet the views of the ureless "crocks," Obstructionist and Horribel sporting community generally, besides being and the Hongkong-owned Vaticinator-the big skewbald, after racing down the last named came away by himself and won with ridiculous case in 3 min. 13/2-5th secs. Had he been ridden clean out, Teen-kwang's record of 3 min. II sees, would have easily been lowered. Nobody but Mr. Humphreys had the pluck to oppose Hero for the Chau-Shang-Kuik Cup, which he won by a dozen lengths in 2 min. secs. official time-2 min. 61 secs. being the register of another reliable time-keeper. This was the skewbald's final appearance, as Mr. Sassoon, for reasons which I certainly failed to comprehend, did not start him for the Champions. Whether Hero is a better pony than Zephyr is a question not easy to decide; both racers have their special advocates and supporters, and fairly sound arguments can be adduced for each claimant to superiority-

The old ponies that ran at the meeting were, with few exceptions, an exceedingly moderate lot. Zephyr is, of course, away at the top of the tree, and his successes in the Cathay Cup and Shanghai Stakes were easily achieved, whilst his defeat in the Champions was entirely due to the ridiculous fashion in which he was ridden. - After losing more than half a dozen lengths at the start, Mr. Dallas made no attempt to get near the front until half a mile from home, and then he set Zephyr the impossible task of making up about ten lengths, and still he was only a length and a half from the winner at the finish. Eureka is a grand specimen of the Mongolian racer, but he was manifestly unfit besides being unsound, and broke down in the race for the Criterions. Noirmont's victory in the Roadsters' Plate and his second in the Champions may not amount to very much, the latter undoubtedly being a false run race, the ponies and the racing. Taken as a whole but Dr. Ruegg's sturdy cast off will yet see the griffins, as regards class, were in my opinion | better days if he remains sound. Hollyhock, above the average and some of their performances one of the best trained ponies that faced the starter, landed the Hart Legacy Cup and Great Northern Plate without an effort, in fact, he won the latter event so easily notwithstanding a 7lb. penalty, that he must have proved dangerous in the Champions had he been slipped for that event. Duncraggan scored a fluky victory in the Criterion Stakes - which ought to have fallen to Fontenoy -, but Mr. John Peel's dun is only common cargo, and much the same might truthfully be said about Vengeance, Forester, Vernal, Mercury and several others. Elegant is a handsome second-rater, and that grand stayer Volcano was slightly off colour, as were Visitant, El Dorado and Vigour. Dolores is a true racepony, and he won the Kiang-su Plate in handsome style, and he ought to have won, if he did not actually win, the Ludies' Purse. Fontency's clever victory in the Consolation Stakes stamped together that, in the event of anything him one of the best ponies at the meeting, and no success was more popular than that of the veteran Dunkeld in the half-mile Chu-Ka-Za Cup, the gallant chesnut, vigorously ridden by Mr. Maclean, upsetting a very hot

but we shall have to wait until the Shanghai

Autumn Meeting for a satisfactory solution of

the knotty problem.

favorite in Wisdom.

It will be gathered from some comments in the foregoing hastily written notes and reminiscences that I am not favorably impressed with the ethics of sport as understood and generally practiced in Shanghai. It was quite a new experience to me to see owners keeping back their ponies from races like the Derby, Shanghal Stakes, and Chau-Shang-Kuik Cup because these events were regarded as certainties for Hero and Zephyr. "That sort of thing is not sport, nor is it racing. In the face of this second-class peddling it was quite a relief to see Mr. Humphreys having a " go " at the assumed "cracks " race after race, and who can doubt that he got rewarded for his pluck in the Champions ! And while on this uncongental topic I should like to know on what principle of sport, fair-play, or good breeding, Shanghai racing men preserve an insulting and solemn silence when Mr. Sassoon wins a race, and go raving wild like a parcel of boisterous school-boys when anyone else scores a success? Surely the invidious exhibitions that were such a conspicuous element at the race-meeting now under review, were unsportsmanlike, uncalled-for and unjustified besides being in execuable taste. I may not altogether, approve of Mr. Sassoon's racing methods, but so long as he " runs square " he has a right to manage his own affairs as he thinks best, and I certainly for Company's shares) never heard even a whisper impiguing the thorough straightforwardness of his racing policy. & There !! was just about as it much justice and true sporting spirit in the pointedly insulting and disrespectful conduct have just alluded to, as there was in the following paragraph, which appeared in Shaughai newspaper a few days prior to the races :- "The big lotteries at the Shanghai Club, the Masonic, and the Central Hotel have all ponies in Vaticinator and Vagrant, that fallen withrough this spring. This is not with anything like a fair share of luck because Shanghai is more hard up! than usual, will yet win lots of races for the "blue, white but because it has got tired of being fleeced and red "banner of the Hongkong leviathan. by the horde of satellites of the leviathan Vagrant was perhaps fortunate to beat Black stable who twice a year, on pleasure and Leaf in the Racing Stakes, but he finished with on business bent, journey to Corinth from the unflinching gameness and I particularly observed I south to attend our hippic games. We regiet that he made a very good show for a mile in that the lotteries have suffered, but it was

at Shanghai to see the races and, with one Godown rent for all ports..... single exception, and that exception had been' Sale of old stock...... in the Settlement for about a month, they were the only visitors from "this colony at that time in Shanghal. Naturally they could not help believing that the grossly insulting and utterly unfounded references were aimed at them. although not one of the four had the slightest interest either in Mr. Sassoon's stable or in the race-lotteries. Of course they had to put up with a lot of good-natured and harmless chaff. and eventually the acting editor of the paper which printed the paragraph, assured the present writer that it was not intended for the four gentlemen above mentioned, and actually named the one person at whom the attack was aimedthereby laying the paper open to an action for libel in which its editor certainly would have come off the worst. However, if this is the sort of feeling acknowledged and fostered in Shanghai racing circles, it is not difficult to understand that true sport is at present at a somewhat low ebb in the Model Settlement.

AN OLD SPORTSMAN. Hongkong, 21st May, 1890.

THE CHINA MERCHANTS COMPANY.

THE PAST YEAR'S WORKING.

The Company's fifteenth periodical balance sheet for the 14th year of Kuang Hsti (1888-89) was duly submitted and published. From the the 1st month of 15th year of Kuang Hsii to the end of the same year (1889-90) constitutes the. 16th period, the accounts for which show a gross profit balance of 560,000 and odd taels. Deduct. ing 302 000 and odd taels for depreciation of steamers and godowns, and 8,000 tacls for dividends to shareholders, a total balance remains of 186,000 and odd taels. Out of this H.E. the Superintendent has sanctioned the payment of a bonus of ten per cent, to the staff of the Company, leaving a net balance of 167,000 and odd taels which, with the balance from the previous period, makes a total sum to credit of 722,000 and odd taels.

Of the original debts to foreign merchants,exclusive of payments already made and provision for instalments due to the Hongkong and Shanghal Bink; Judine, Matheson & Co., and Russell & Co., there is still outstanding a sum of 500,000 and odd taels. The denosits from provincial authorities amount to 600,000 and odd tacls, Shanghai Sycee, which are to be paid off in full in the first month of the 16.h year. H. E. the Superintendent obtained the sanction of the Throne for the amount to be paid without interest. Our Government gives support to commerce in every possible way, and we chinese merchants ought on that account to unite in

loyal endeavours to progress. The number of vessels belonging to the Company in the previous period was 26. In the present year one steamer, the Hsinyii, has been added. The Kiangteen has been fitted with new engines. Additional godowns have been erec'ed at Shanghai and Tientsin costing altogether 203,000 and odd taels. The total capital of the Company as shown in the 15th period has been reduced 100,000 tacls. The actual value of whatves, vessels, and godowns stands at 3,770 000 taels. Compared with the 11th year of Kuing Hsu (1885), when the present Directors took over charge, a total of 5 0,000 thels or thereabouts has been written eff the capital

The agreement of this Company with Jardine's and Butterfield's has termina ed by lapse of time. If they cut down freights, although our Company will in itself suffer loss, yet the merchants and people of China will greatly benefit by it. In the 2nd year of Kuang Haii (1876), when Chinese and foreign vessels lowered their rates, the Northern and Southern Trade Superintendents advanced from official sources 1.700,000 taels to tide over the difficulty. Today it is even more necessary for the Government in its arrangements for the general welfare to devise efficient measures for our mutual protection. We trust that all will exert themselves to the utmost in thought and deed, being not unmindful of our Rulers' object in establishing

As usual four-tenths per cent, of the profits are apportioned for dividends to shareholders during the present period, making with the official interest a total of one per cent, to be paid on the Ist day of the 3rd month (April 19th); Copies of the books will be sent to their Excellencies the Superintendents of Trade and to the Superintendents of Customs at Tientsin and Shanghai copies will also be placed at the Company's Offices in Shanghai, Tientsin, Hankow, Foochow, Canton and Hongkong, for the inspection of the shareholders at those places. www.definitions.inc.

Printed summaries of the Accounts will be separately sent for general information, which (Signed) SHENG HSUAN-AUAL

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10th May, 1890. The river is decidedly better, from 7ft. to 8ft. 3in., of water being obtainable in the Tientsin Reach at high tide. Owing to the inability of the junks to reach. Tientsin, the Vicerby has closed at least one large canal, allowing more water to flow in the river, and we understand he has also sent a dredger to work at the obstruction in the Tientsin Reach. The river at the Brick Kilos, and in the reaches below that point, is shallower at low tide, although there is sufficient water to allow steamers to come and go. About eighteen junks have been towed up during the past week, and although it is not expected the river will clear itself, sufficiently to admit the passage of steamers to Peking some amelioration of the distressing block may be hoped for.

Colonel Denby, U.S. Minister to China, is leaving for the South, where he will meet Mrs. Deaby, returning to Peking in the course of about six weeks. Rain is still much wanted in Peking, and the

Emperor has been offering up prayers for it. The family of the late Marquis Tseng not only invited the Diplomatic Corps to a funeralcoremony, as stated last week, but extended the invitation to all their foreign friends in Peking. The new Tientsin town hall has been opened with great delat. Li Hung-chang and all the foreign officials and residents being present at the ceremony, which included an address to the Viceroy .- Chinese Times.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT,)

5474 May, 1890, In is freely stated bere that the Tsung-II Yamen has received a telegram from Russia to the effect that the latter country will protect Korea if necessary, even against China, and the statement has caused much excitement here amongst those behind the scenes. Admiral Sir N. Salmon and his family leave

ere to-morrow for the Great Wall. Just now the occupants of the British, German and Italian Legations are on the most intimate.

Creat preparations are being made for the departure of their Majesties and Court to the Wing-yuen (Summer Palace). The road is being put in order and carts are probibited crossing it. The departure of the Court is fixed for the 11th Init -Shanghat Mercury.

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By Order, A. G. GORDON & Co., Ld. Managers.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1890. THE RICHMOND TERRACE ESTATE AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary General MEETING of the SHARE-HOLDERS of the Company will be held at its Office over the Hongkong Dispensary, on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of

Accounts to the 31st December, 1889. The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 22nd instant, to MONDAY, the 26th instant, both days

> HENRY HUMPHREYS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1890. THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

TOTICE is hereby given that the Y First Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY, and every description of BANKING and the 24th instant, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together

> The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 12th to Saturday, the 24th instant, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

CHAS, F. HARTON. Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1892. HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

N TOTICE is hereby given that A SPECIAL or EXTRAORDINAY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS this Company will be held at the CITY HALL Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the gist day of May next, at noon, for the purpose of considering, and, if approved, of passing the following Resolu-

1-That the Capital of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be increased from \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 20,000 New Shares of \$125, to be issued at the price of £42 10s. Eastern Shareholders to pay for their allotments at the current rate of the day for Demand

2-That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to the Shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every three Shares of which on the 31st May, 1890, they shall respectively be the Registered Holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by the Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose, be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interest of the Com-

-That payment of the sum of £42 tos. per made as follows, viz :-

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pay the first instalment in respect thereof. 5-That after payment of the first instalment and pending payment of the future instalments. Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine be issued in respect of such New Shares, entitling the Holders on payment of the remaining instal, ments, and subject to such other terms as to approval, date for lodging Scrip Certificates, and otherwise as the Directors

Certificates respectively. -That interest at the rate of 5 per cent: per Shareholders of the Company.

7—That interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per paid with such instalments.

G, B.—That all moneys received from premiums on the said New Shares be added to the Reservo

> BANKING CORPORATION, WADE GARD'NER, Acting Chief Manager.

## Intimations.

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Hongkong, 17th May, 1890

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share for each of the said New Shares be

£10 128.6d. on the 30th day of June, 1890 7.10 121.6d. .. 30th E10 128. 6d. ,, 31st ,, Dec., 4-That the Directors issue to Shareholders holding shares not a multiple of Three a Fractional certificate in respect of each share in excess of or below such multiple, and allot one new share to every person who shall produce three such Fractional Certificares on or before the 30th June, 1890, and

may prescribe, to be registered as the Holders of the Shares represented by such Scrip New Panjo Music.

annum (free of income tax) be allowed out of the profits of the Company on all instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due and that from the 30th June, 1890, Holders of Scrip Certificates be entitled to participate in future dividends, in proportion to the amount of instalments paid up, on an equality with the other

annum be charged on every instalment which shall not be punctually paid, and be

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAL

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1890.

Short Savings of Great Men. Elizabeth Barrett Browning's Works. The Works of Emerson. The Spectator, edited by Henry Morley. Lempriere's Classical Dictionary. Broad Grins and other Humorous Works by Geo, Colman, Jr.

Brewer's Reader's Handbook of Allusions, Plots and Stories. Schiller's Poems and Plays. Dr. Syntax's Three Tours. The Greville Memoirs, 8 vols. complete. Macaulay's History of England, Essays and Writings and Speeches.

Goethe's Faust, translated. Manzoni's The Betrothed Lovers. Bartlett's Familiar Quotations. Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable. Every Man's Own Lawyer. Ben Hur, a tale of the Christ. Smiles' Complete Works. Herbert Spencer's Complete Works. Haydo's Dictionary of Dates. Hill's Manual of Social and Business Forms. Household History of the United States and its

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HE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, that he will OPEN THE MARINE HOTEL, on or about the 1st May. THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL is situated on the Praya, West, opposite the Old P. & O. Wharf, and is newly built after the designs of the Largest European Hotels-the BEDROOMS, BATH-ROOMS, &c., are commodious, well Ventilated and well Furnished, and are suitable for

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STEAM TO MANILA, VIA AMOY. THE Steamship

" "NANZING," Captain Talbot, will be despatched as above, on SATURDAY, the 24th inst., at 3 P.M. For Freight-or Passage, anoly to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, 20th May, 1890, THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP

COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship Captain McCaslin, will be despatched for the

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(Calling at Colombo if sufficient inducement

will leave for the above places, on SUNDAY, the 25th inst, at DAYLIGHT. E. L. WOODIN. Superintendent. Hongkong, 21st May, 1890.

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HE Steamship

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THE 3/3 L. I. I. British Ship "PATAGONIA," Hibbert, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until & P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required. Consular Invoices to accommany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the

United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Scaled Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50 A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN, Janahana 12th May -oca: NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

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THE British Steamship

Honokono, 12th May, 1800

2,553 Tons Register, Captain Williamson, will

YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 12th June, To be followed by the S.S. "ABYSSINIA" on the 3rd July and S.S. "PARTHIA" on the Connection will be made at Yokohama with

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FIRE AT THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

THE upper floors of our Stanley Street Warehouse were destroyed by fire early

this morning. The damage will not materially interfere with our local business.

The Soda Water Factory and plant are intact and the manufacture of Aerated Waters commenced at 7 o'clock this morning as usual.

The Dispensary and General Store have not been affected by the fire, and business will be transacted as usual.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 19th May, 1890.

The Houghong Teleganph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1890.

TELEGRAMS.

PORTUGAL IN AFRICA. LONDON, May 12th.

A Portuguese expedition has started to occupy Zazaland, with a view to confirming Portugal's treaty rights to the protectorate. .

(Special to Hangkong Telegraph.) RUSSIAN DESIGNS ON PORT HAMILTON. SEOUL, May 19th.

America is negotiating with the Korean Governmont for lease of Port Hamilton as U.S. coaling station. This is being done secretly and in behalf of Russia.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THERE will be a game of Polo on the Racecourse at 5.45 p.m. to-morrow.

-WOODYEAR'S circus, we are pleased to learn, is doing first-class business at Singapore. THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Ancona left

Nagasaki for this port at 6.30 p.m. yesterday. . A MELBOURNE editor has discovered that much sleep tends to precipitate baldness. And yet sleep

is called "Nature's sweet restorer." A REGULAR meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1026, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited,

STRAM seamless boats are made by hydraulic power in England. They are said to be superior to those of wood and can be produced at about the same cost.

A GEORGIA editor, thinks that a man with an unmarriageable daughter is in very much the same boat as a bankrupt. He is willing to have his property put into the hands of a receiver.

THERE is something painfully humorous in an advertisement carried by a Nebraska weekly paper. At the top of the page, in double column display, one may read. "Try our new \$1,000

THAT out-of-work Emperor, Dom Pedro, says Brazil is not sufficiently "advanced in civilisation" for an absolutely free Government. This opinion is quite refreshing, as it admits that "civilised" states have no room for kings and

Thus the Straits Times of the 14th inst.:-A call of two-pence per share is made on Raub shares. This will yield about £5,833. Payment will be received at the Singapore office. There are buyers of Raubs who have increased their offers from \$2.30 to \$2.60; but holders are "sitting tight."

His lordship-There's no dodging it, you know, but one does miss the influence of a leisure class over in America. She—But we have a leisure class. His lordship (suspiciously)-I haven't met them; who are they? She-Our Street Superintendent's men, who organize in gangs of six to leisurely repair the streets.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Barrack Square, to-morrow evening, commencing at 7.300'clock:

.." Glasgow" 

ABOUT four o'clock yesterday afternoon smoke was observed issuing from a heap of coals stored in godown No. 61 Praya East, which was rented by Messrs. George R. Stevens as a coal depôt. The Manuel fire-engine was quickly on the spot whither it was speedily followed by others. 11 p.m. the firemen left the scene after turning over and saturating the coals. Much to the surprise, however, flames burst forth from the same heap of coals at about 2 a.m. The fire engine from No. 2 station was quickly of the spot, and extinguished the fire in total Spontaneous combustion is the supposed cause of the fire. The damage done is insignificant.

Two remarkable examples are on record

persons who allowed themselves to be hung for the entertainment of an audience. An account of one of them is given in the London Lancet of April 17, 1847. The man's real name was John Harnshaw, but he performed throughout England under the high-sounding title of M. Gouffé. He was an athlete, and among other feats it was customary with him exhibit the process of hanging. In this performance he relied for security on the strength of the muscles of the throat and neck alone. He had a rope with a fixed knot that would no slip, and passed both ends, of the loop up behind the ear. The whole act was so adroitly managed that he prevented any pressure of the rope upon the wind-pipe or jugular vein, and could even sustain a weight of 120 pounds addition to that of his own body. On three separate occasions Harshaw mismanaged the tope and became unconscious, but was, luckily, rescued each time. Dr. Chowne, who writes the account, says truly: I can not be doubted that as far as sensation and consciousness are concerned. Harnshaw passed through the whole ordeal of dying; and had he been permitted to remain hanging until actually dead he would have passed out of existence without further knowledge of his misery 'Harnshaw said, not with particular reference to either of the accidents, but in speaking of his performances collectively, that could recollect nothing which happened to him after the rope tightened, and that he lost his senses all at once. The moment the rope got in the wrong place he felt the change and could not breather felt as if he would like to loosen himself, but never thought of using his hands. He experienced the heaviness of legs and arms mentioned by others who have been half-hung and then rescued, and the rattling sound in his ears, but never saw sparks of light, which are he usual phenomena.

having scored a decided success last night when an increase which the system has undergone. The appreciative audience filled the City Hall theatre | first trustworthy satistics on the subject were to witness the farewell entertainment of this | given in a paper read by T.C. Martin before descreedly popular "Surprise Party." Every- the American Institute of Electrical Engineers one seemed in good humour and fully in May, 1887, in which he showed that prepared for a jocular evening. Despite there were in operation at that time, the intense hat the actors and actresses the United States, thirteen electric railways, 'play up' with all the energy and versatility so | carrying about three million five hundred thous noticeable last March, whin they drew crowded and passengers annually. The latest and most houses night after night, in the face of opposi- | trustworthy statistics relating to the same subtion caused by numerous rival antertainments, ject show that there are in operation in this After the usual overture "Our evening Party" was presented with Messrs. Gilbert and Hudson | present time, no fewer than 179 electric railways as "Bones" and "Tambo" respectively. The double song and dance of the Misses Linna track. The number of passengers carried Roberts and Lily Linton were specially appreciated and brought fourth vociferous encores to far from 100,000,000." which the graceful artistes willingly responded. This was followed by the appearance on the boards of Miss Lily C. Baber who sang "Sing, Sweet Bird" in excellent taste. This popular lady responded to an inevitable encore with. The Banks and Braes. But her 'hit 'of the evening was in the second part of the programme, when she fairly conquered her audience in the rendering of one of those ballads in which this peerless soprand alone knows how to use her exceedingly sweet voice to perfect advantage. That she was encored goes without the saying, and that she responded with another wellreceived balad may also be taken for granted. La piece de resisience was undoubtedly the serio-comic "Pleasantries" in which Miss Nellie Harley carried her audience with her from first to last, even to echoing her kieses and stirring up the "youth of Hongkong" to join in | the Lamag Planting Co. which were valued at her 'telling' choruses. This talented young lady | \$50 each. The defendant asked for the loan of was thrice encored, and would have been called before the inconsiderate audience a fourth time had not Miss Hobgood, who ably presided at The \$600 was paid over to the defendant. the planoforte, struck up the refrain of one of Miss Baber's balads, during which this English nightnigale appeared on the stage. The whole programme was capital and well rendered. The acting and singing was so good throughout that we refrain from drawing distinctions which might be regarded as invidious.

In conclusion we trust that our "city fathers" who favoured the performance with their presence will take to heart the merciless jokes of jovial "Tom," who laid it on thick and cleverly | He did not, personally, receive the money or about his muddy experiences in muddy Kowloon. | any portion of it. This was the last he saw in view of the long programme and excessive he received a letter from Mr. Lugas' lawyers, heat, the performance was not over until 11.45 which he took to Cruze to read. The latter p.m., when with regret the curtain fell upon one of the most enjoyable entertainments to He did not know where Cruze had gone,

which Mr. Hudson has yet treated us. Mr. Hudson and his company sailed to-day. The scrip in question was locked up in his desk. by French mail to surprise other communities. en route home. We wish them every possible success, and assure them that it will be with joy that a notification will be read in our columns' to the effect "We are informed that Mr. Thomas Hudson with a talented company may be I expected here at an early date."

CELEBRATED Lawyer-Now, tell me honestly- against him even should His lordship consider did you rob that bank? Client (in disgust)-Of | that he, and not Cruze, received the money. course I did. Do yer s'pose I'd be able to retain you if I didn't?

IT will be observed by an advertisement in another column that, "on and after the 1st. proximo the Light-vessel hitherto moored on Kellett's Bank will be removed. The depth of water on the said bank has not appreciably changed from what is given on the Admiralty-Chart No. 1,466."

THE sudden death of two Chinamen was reported by the police last night. One of them was strolling on the roof of a house when he fel down a smoke hole and "kicked" at the bottom of it. The other Johnny "listed" to port and fell into the road from a verandah, a distance o So feet. Of course he died chop chop.

THE Grand Smoking Concert, given by the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in aid of the fund to provide summer quarters at the Peak for the wives and families of the non-commissioned officers and men of the Regiment, will take place to-night at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, commencing at go'clock. We hope to see a crowded

THE Chicago Herald on the "degrees in

If you should steal a million golden dollars in a The people would regard you as a genius and a:

If you secure but half the pile, a "shortage" that Whereas a somewhat less amount would be

"insolvency." To steal a tiny, paltry sum would give them the That you were a dishonest man, a robber and a

But if you steal a loaf of bread, whereby your life is saved. They'll put you into prison with the totally

Says the Sydney Bulletin :- The priest-ridden to the outside world. On Sunday week some clear that by using America as a catspaw, of those suffians who want to read books in the Russia imagines that she will be abl the pavement in front of the locked gates | when war breaks out with China, by sub-leasing of that noble institution. They were sum- it from her ally-America. In view, however, moned for loitering, and two of them fined Lt | of China's guarantee to England that, "neither came forward as witness for the defence. Of be occupied by any foreign Power" course the prosecuting attorney asked if he had is certain that the United States government been in gaol. He replied that he had once been | fully cognisant, as all other Powers are, respect put in the watch-house and wanted to explain, ing the China-Port Hamilton guarantee; when the lawyer would not let him. The young explaining that he was put in for giving away. Socialistic tracts. A lawyer-legislator at the table roared out to the Bench-"Commit him to prison for contempt l" The Bench did not dare to do it, but perhaps would have liked to. Thus goes on the war in Melbourne.

FROM Mr. Joseph Wetzeer's article on electric railways in Scribner's April number, we take

the following extracts :--120 MILES AN HOUR BY ELECTRICITY. "It is not out of place to cast a glance into the future, in order to discern in what direction electricians are working in the domain of electric railways. 'One of their main objective points is to attain higher speed than is now reached with the fastest express train, and enough has already been demonstrated to show that this is by no means impos bile. There has been for some time in operation at Laurel, Md., a system of electric railway, originally designed by David G. Weems. When it was recently inspected by the writer, with his watch in hand, he noted a speed of the electric locomotive of nearly one hundred and twenty miles an hour. The electric car there employed is cigar-shaped, pointed at both ends. The electric motors are constructed with a revolving armature which is mounted directly on the axle so that no intermediate gearing whatever is employed. The curiously pointed ends of the car, which might by some be considered fantastical, have their raison detre in the fact that, at the high speed at which this car is run. the resistance of the air is by far the greateer retarding influence: much greater, in fact, than the resistance due to the axle and rolling friction.

which at lower speeds is predominant. "America has made far greater progress in the application of electricity to railways than al the rest of the world included, and it is therefore MR. THOMAS Hudson may be congratulated upon | not uninteresting to glance briefly at the rapid country, and in course of construction, at the operating over 1884 cars with 1260 miles o would be difficult to estimate; but it cannot be

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. A. G. Wise, Acting Phisne

HOW FRANCIS CRUZE DID THE TRICK. Mr. Wilkinson (of Messrs Caldwell and Wilkin son) appeared on behalf of Mr. J. S. Lucas to claim the sum of \$600 from Lum Kum Chi his promisory note, which was witnessed Francis Cruze. Mr. Reece was for the defence.

James Sorab Lucas stated that he was money-lender. He lent the sum of \$600 to the defendant on the 14th of February last, when he came to him with Francis Cruze as witness. He received as collateral accurity 25 shares of \$1,000 but he declined to advance more than \$600. It was Cruze who offered him the scrip. Francis Cruze signed defendant's promissory

note as witness. Lum Kum Chistated that Francis Cruze came to him some time in February with the scrip previously mentioned, and asked for a loan upon the said shares. He told him that it was not within his power to make a loan at that time, but he would help him to get it from money leader, so they went together to Mr. Lucas who loaned \$500 to Cruze on the scrip. As encores were almost cruelly frequent, of Cruze until some time in April when

> John Andrew stated he was a stock-broker. It was some time in March when he found his dosk had been opened, and he then searched for and missed the scrip. He knew of no one but Cruze who could have taken the scrip. He did not know where Cruze was at the present time. Mr. Reece submitted that the defendant being I'm bankrupt could not have judgment entered

His lordship reserved judgment.

THE MURDEROUS ASSAULT OF A CONSTABLE.

THE HERO COMPLIMENTED.

When His lordship, the Acting Chief Justice, took his seat on the Bench at the Criminal Sessions held in the Supreme Court yesterday, the Attorney-General drew His lordships attention to the gallant conduct displayed by constable Green when assaulted by two coolies on the 28th ultimo and fired at, at close quarters, by one of them; to wit, Fong A Ling who was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment with hard labour on the 20th instant.

The Attorney-General said :- Perhaps, my lord, before proceeding further, your lordship will permit me to make a remark with reference to the case yesterday in which your lordship sentenced a man to ten years' imprisonment for shooting at a police constable. When the police do not discharge their duties properly they are generally criticised, and I think it therefore only right, for my own part, to say that I wish publicly to express approval of the conduct of the police constable who acted very bravely, and I trust your lordship will not think my remarks

out of place. His Lordship-I quite agree with you. The matter was omitted by me. The police constable unquestionably acted with great courage and great devotion to duty, and I am glad that you have called attention to it. I am quite sure every one who read an account of the case, and I presume it, was published in the newspapers, will think the constable's conduct deserving of the highest commendation.

RUSSIA'S ADVANCE

The telegram from Korea which we publish it another column is not so surprising as at first sight might be believed. America and Russia have been hand and glove in Korean anti city of Melbourne is still affording an education | Chinese policy for the past five years, and it is Public L brary on the Sabbath gathered on | to use Port Hamilton as her coaling station each. In the course of the case a young man | Port Hamilton nor and part of Korea shall bent upon aiding and abetting Russia in man naturally waxed angry, and insisted on | bringing about open hostilities between Russia Japan on the one side, and England and China on the other. This latest news has not come upon us as a thunder-clap at all, for we have been in passession of letters for some time past which contain full proof of America's willingness to pursue "an active policy in the Far East providing Korea would cease cringing to China." At no very distant date we shall publish in full the letters referred to. Our reason for not doing so previously will be appreciated when the serious tenour of them is made clear to the public. For the present we will content ourselves by stating that the view which American diplomatists have a held and now hold; respecting the proper balance of the scale of influence in the Far East i contained in the following words: "Korea's geographical position is such that Russia it bound to maintain its independence, for should the Chinese gain control it would mean that Great Britain was the real controlling Power, and that would be antagonistic to Russian interests."

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, April 25th. The Times to-day states that experts declare. that the American Silver Bill produced a rise in prices, making trade appear profitable.

Prices in the silver, market were very strong to-day; bars sold for 484 per cent, rupee-paper rose to 74%, and 4% per cent. paper to 77%. The Times' Zanzibar correspondent telegraphs that the Germans have annexed the

Mount Kenia country. Signor Succi has completed his 40 days' fast The Novoe Vremya in an article to-day waxes warm at the success of British influence in China, and urges Russia to endeavour to counteract its spread by harassing Asiatic trade with India.

PARIS, April 30th. Louise Michel and several more Anarchists were arrested to-day. At an interview between Blowitz, the Times corres condent, and Constans, Minister of the Interior, the latter said the French Government had resolved to purge France without delay of some five thousand foreign agitators who were troubling public

LONDON, May 1st. News has been received of a revolution in Paraguay and fighting is reported to have taken place. The telegraph lines are cut, and therefore no details are yet to hand.

All is quiet this forenoon in London and the chief cities of the Continent. Immense military preparations are being made and police

precautions taken at Paris. ST. PETERSBURG, May 1st. Russian officers have superseded native Khans in the administration of the Merv province.

LONDON. May 2nd. Thames embankment yesterday. A procession was then formed and marched to Hyde Park. where violent speeches were made, but little enthusiasm was elicited. Only about two thousand people were present, and these dispersed quietly. The labour demonstrations passed off in an orderly manner throughout Europe and America. In Paris last evening a disorderly crowd assembled in the streets, and as they

refused to disperse and resisted the police, they

were charged by the cavalry who wounded

thirty. Many arrests were made. The Land Purchase Bill has passed its second reading in the House of Commons by a majority present phase of its Chinese relations. It indicates, no difference, who have been grawing the cords, of eighty. Mr. Balfour said the time had not | moreover, the probability of an active diplomatic | picking out the cement, unsettling the foundar yet come for handing over to Irish local bodies, campaign in the near suture. The march of tions of the Kingdom, and generally doing all partial control, as those bodies are now working | events, which waits on no man's convenience, | the dirty work which in the Balkan countries is on political lines and would be certain to frus- has been for some time visibly bringing on the paid for in bright gold. And we also reckon trate the designs of the Government.

of \$5,400,000 to close on the 7th May, the price of issue being off. £1,700,000 of the amount is for the construction of railways in India by companies, £500,000 for the discharge of the Oude and Ruhilcund railway debentures, and £3,200,000 for the purchase of the South India

A telegram from Tourcoing, in the department thousand strikers from Roudax joined them, kept the letter and absconded the next day. Serious rioting ensued and much damage was by the authorities.

> a state of slege was proclaimed at Barcelona. LONDON, May 3rd.

rejected by the House of Commons by a majority

motion. The Emin Pacha Relief Committee received Edinburgh were present. Stanley explained that the east coast rou'e was the first one selected to reach the interior of Afr'ca, but France objecting and the Germans also being adverse, the Congo route was adopted.

PARIS, May 3rd." The demonstrations at Tourcoing continue, and the strikers are stopping others from working in the neighbourhood.

MADRID, May 3rd. The strike disturbances continue at Barcelona, where frequent collisions are taking place between the strikers and the military. BERLIN, May 3rd.

The Government demands of the Reichstag a credit of four and a half million marks towards the expenses of the Wissmann expedition. PARIS. May 4th.

A collision has taken place at Roubaix between troops and strikers, in which several of the latter were wounded." The French Government have assented to the

conversion of the Egyption loan of 1888 as also of the Privileged debt. The Domains debt and the Daira Sableh loan provided by the present administrations of the two latter, are maintained. The French Government also stipulate that the profits of Conversion shall not be utilized, pending agreement between the Powers in reference | time. One autocrat succeeds another, and thereto.

LOND IN, May 4th. a day movement took place this af ernoon in the mass, which is as steady as the progress of Hyde Park. Two immense processions were a glacier; and it is by this movement that all formed and marched to the Paik. It is estimated | the acts of all the agents of the Russian empire that at least one hundred thousand persons took | must be governed, and interpreted. part. Perfect order prevailed.

The strikes are extending in the province of pressure of her northern neighbour? That is Malaga, they are also being renewed in Austria | really one of the most interesting questions of and Hungary. All trades in the United States are successively striking in favour of the "eighthours a day movement."

MADRID, May 4th. Labour demonstrations, which were of an orderly nature, took place in the principal towns throughout Spain to day. Petitions were drawn up to the Cortes asking that the working day of eight hours should be legalised. Barcelona is her natural advantage to practical account, and quieting down.

ZANZIB'R. May 4th. The British East African Company have issued a proclamation granting freedom from slavery to all natives belonging to tribes within the Company's sphere without indemnity to the

LONDON, May 5th. The Labour Demonstration in Hyde Park yesterday was the most immense thing of the kind ever witnessed. It is estimated that three hundred thousand were present. Mr. Burns, Mr. Davitt, and others spoke and urged the reasons in favour of a working day of eight hours. All the speakers advocated strictly legal means being used to attain the object, which which prompts a temporizing policy towards must be obtained through Parliament.

Mamlatdars has been withdrawn. Adequate from Tiumen to Vladivostock. While these depate on the motion was impossible owing to preparations are going on it is important that the importance of a preceding motion in the | China should not be awakened to her true House of Commons. Mr., Bradlaugh asked the Government to fix a day for the discussion of his motion, owing to the serious character of Russian policy if possible to meamerize her into papers recently published. Mr. Smith refused to comply with the request, and Mr Bradlaugh will ballot for a fresh place of his motion. Casati, one of Emin's party relieved by Mr.

Stanley, has joined the German Colonial service. Sir John Gorst, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said the Government were sending the resolutions of the Berlin Conference to the Indian Government, recommending them to their consideration, in connection with the amendment of the Indian factory law.

in the Albert Hall yesterday. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Duke of Cambridge were present. Mr. Stanley described the geographical results of his journey. The Prince of Wales presented him with the special gold medal of the Society and bronze ones to his companions.

MONTREAL, May 6th. A lunatic asylum near this city, containing thirteen hundred inmates, has been burned down and it is feared one hundred have perished in the flamer. Dozens of lunatics were seen roasting alive. Many refused to quit their cells and had to be forcibly removed by firemen.

BERLIN. May 6th. The German Reichstag was opened yesterday by the Emperor William, who in his speech is the same with all the other time-worn from the throne declared that his efforts were unceasingly directed to the continued maintenance of peace, and he had succeeded in strengthening the confidence of the Powers by that policy. He will cultivate existing defensive committed by China was her re-occupation, at alliances and friendly relations with all foreign | inordinate cost, of Kashgaria, a territory which, Powers. Any displacement of the balance of being separated from China Proper by a hungry power will, he said, endanger the equilibrium forming the basis of the peace policy of Germany. The garrison will have no alternative but to The Emperor alluded to the resolutions passed by the Berlin Labour Conference and expressed his Colonel Bell, the whole of Chinese greatest solicitude for the interests of the work- Turkestan is merely held by China in trust for men, and pointed out the urgency which existed. Russia until the time comes when it suits for the amelioration of the conditions of labour, I the latter power to assume possession. Along in regard to which the Powers were concerting, the Northern and Eastern frontiers the policy measures of relief. The proposed increase of of China has not been marked by greater the army which begins on October first was, he wisdom, and judging the future by the past said, in consequence of the action of neighbours | Russian Statemen seem to be justified in counting A Socialist demonstration was held on the in the same direction. Among the Bills announced are a Military Bill (which is already known) and measures for the protection of work-

CHINA AND RUSSIA:

authentic, the unusual promptitude with which watch for any eventuality which may call the Russian Government has replaced its Minister, for overt action on her part. Her agents to China, without waiting for the explity of his have been excessively active in the peninsula. importance which that government attaches to the bodies, whether honorary or stipendlary makes long foreseen crisis in the relations between the those not of American nationality who have Tenders are invited for a three per cent. loan two countries, a crisis for which one of them is tempted the impecunious monarch to sell his always preparing, while the other only dreams country for money. As for China, her conduct and fears. The Chinese empire is now encome towards Koren has not been marked by any, passed by that of Russia on three sides, from thing that deserves the name of high policy. Kashgar to Kores the northern Power makes a land whatever may happen she at least, will continuous semi-circle of three thousand miles [ scarcely merit pity. In everything we know of, is scarcely, a single section of the long line | Government towards the Hirmit Kingdom has that is not sensitive. Attempts were formerly been unwise. China has only to continue, when made to deaden this sensitiveness by means discussing Korea, with Russian Agents, in the of the Nord, states that at ten this morning, the of buffers, in the shape of ill-defined neutral same groove a she followed in previous negotiafactory bands there struck work, and that five zones, but these, always illusory, have been long lions in order to add one more to the unbroken relegated to the region of antiquated fictions. and the two governments now stand unmasked, sobtained no equivalent, but which only served done." Troops have been summoned to the spot fronting each other along the whole line, ex- as successive fulcra, for further leverages -cepting only in certain regions where the absence | beginning with the Treaty of Aigun in 1858 and MADRID, May and. of population renders it bard for either govern- continued down to the very last verbal compact Strikes accompanied by riots have taken place ment to maintain a y of the visible symbols of made in 1884-Chinese Times at Barcelons, Valencia and Saragossa. The power, Out of this perpetual contact occasions military had to intervene to preserve order, and friction must be endless; there must be grievances and complaints on one or both sides, aggressions and reprisals, commercial differences, police A motion by Mr. Charles Cameron for the affairs, disputes about brigandage, Customs disestablishment of the Church in Scotland was I questions, - in a word the usual frontier whonever he doubted or disbelieved anything

difficulties in rather aggravated form. From of thirty-eight. Mr. Gladstone supported the such sources sufficient material for diplomatic activity must be constantly provided. But questions of that description do Mr. Stanley at St. James' Hall yesterday. The not press; they admit of accommodation and Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince Albert | delay, and if necessary they might be dealt with Victor. Prince George of Wales, and the Duke of by a charge diaffuires. Much wider issues than any of these grow out of the fatal semicircular contact, issues on which depend nothing less than the whole future of both the Powers concerned; and it is no doubt to the presumed urgency of these Imperial questions that we owe the hasty appointment of Count Cassial to the Russian Legation at Peking,—a Minister who has already served his government with credit as Consul-General and charge d'affaires in Bremen, Lübeck, and Oldenburg.

The incidents and episodes of Russo-Chinese intercourse have the destinctive characteristics which mark the international relations of Rus ia everywhere, and they can never be understood without constant reference to the Key, which is, that Russia, a gigantic Power, homogeneous, and conscious of her strength, is by her nature and circumstances doomed to unceasing expansion. This may be called by hard names or soft names, but it comes all to the same thing; for Russia can no more help being aggressive—unintermittingly and insatiably ageressive-than a man can walk on the ground without putting his weight on it Russia presses heavily on the whole breadth of Asia (Europe also), and the depth of her impression at any given place, or time, depends solely: on the nature of the resisting body at that place or Ministers, Governors, and Generals change places like figures on the stage, without affecting A demonstration in favour of the eight-hours | in the slightest degree the secular movement of

How does China propose to meet this steady State policy for the whole world, while for China herself it is vital.

From the military point of view the position

of China is naturally strong, for not only has she the advantage of moving on interior lines. but every circumstance bearing on the raising and supply of an aimy is in her favour. Her sole weakness consists in her incapacity to turn her danger lies in this, that her very strength is liable to be appropriated by a more capable rival, and actually turned against her. A Western Power is nearly always safe in reckoning on the blindness, indifference, or want of effective loyalty of an Oriental opponent, as Russia did in the Turkish war of 1877-78; and the position in which Russia has placed herself on the Amur and the Ussuri country takes for granted the apathy or militaly incompetence of China, without which the position would be untenable. Russia seems nevertheless to be ever and anon troubled by the fear that the inherent strength of China, though long dormant, may one day be warmed into activity, a fear China until such time as her communications Mr. Bradlaugh's motion with regard to the are secured by the completion of the railway position, nor take measures to render herself formidable, and it is therefore the natural aim of a prolonged slumber. And if by offering some such temporary concessions as the free navigation of the Amur, which would be no detriment l to Russia except in so far as it might reveal something of her strength in that quarter, China could be fettered for ten years of so it is a result with which Russia might very well be satisfied. Looking at the situation all round, there is evidently plenty of scope for an able diplomat to exercise his talents.

In her frontier policy China is governed more Mr. Stanley and his companions attended a by worn-out traditions than by common sense monster reception by the Geographical Society views of the actual circumstances of the day. She has not yet realized the full significance of the change which the proximity of Russia has made; and the consequence is that the devices for preserving her territory from invasion which were efficacious with the Asiatic tribes, are now the most likely to provoke aggression. The tacit encouragement given to banditti, who in many parts of the frontier, including the Burmese section, have formed a sort of quickset hedge, has now become dangerous, since her powerful neighbours may at any time make China herself responsible for the depredations of the lawless. This principle was exemplified on a considerable scale in the case of Kulja which Russia occupied to preserve order, and only partially vacated for prudential reasons. It methods of controlling the barbarians; they will be found fatally obsolete in dealing with Russia

and yet China has as yet learned no other !

Perhaps the most glaring error of policy ever

and thirsty desert, is absolutely indefensible. surrender at the first summons, and in the on their diplomatic ascendancy over any Chineso Agents with whom they may have to deal. What 'particular' questions may be brought up for discussion between them we can only surmise, but there can be little doubt that Corea will be a ruling factor in their deliberations. That Russia has her eye on the peninsula is beyond doubt, and the immense naval preparations If the information supplied by Reuter be, she has made prove that she is on the report on the situation, affords clear proof of theil and among them we include the American busyround the Chinese territory, and there small as well as great, the attitude of the Chinese series of cessions to Russia-for which she has

Charles Lamb once humorously wrote that

he sought for the incredible statement in a book; and if he found it there, no matter how revolting to his intellect that statement might be, he accepted the authority of the printed page as final, and dischared his mind of all further worry about the matter. The Sydney Echo, like all respectable, spoon-fed, small-sized number-twos in mental capacity, never doubts never disbelieves; it swallows whole and at sight. The authority, not so much of the printed. page of a book as the printed broad-sheet of any obscure advertising medium in any obscure corner of the world, outside Australia, is good enough to quote from, to lecture upon, and to indulge in asinine exuberance over. Recently it read in some nameless Yankee print that "Ike Weir, whom Murphy, the New Zealander, defeated in the States, is a most accomplished pugilist. He is a first-class jockey, can shoot copper cents from between his wife's fingers, plays the piano, is an expert swimmer (having saved two lives) dances jigs, sings chacalled 'Muscle Wins a Wife.'" The Echo takes

all this in as pure gospel, and "rapturises" in a

hilarious fashion over such an "Admirable

Crichton" as the aforementioned Ike Weir. Now we know the Yankee; we have studied him in all his moods and in many of his haunts, and we have a moderately good idea of what Yankee "cuelteure" means. We do not deny that America has produced precious and splendid intellects; that her Emersons and Drapers, her Longfellows and Poes, her Danas, Channings and Prescotts, can take their places side by side with their European confreres in their own mental domains, and suffer nothing by comparison. But the "universal" Yankee is a delusion and a snare, and all high-falutin accounts of him must be taken cum "iunko" salis. The average American citizen knows something of everything; of every art, science, industry, and swindle in the world he has some sort of smattering; unfortunately, he imagines he could "run the whole show" at a moment's notice, and would not hesitate (if he could be shown that it was paying "spec.in) to undertaken new series of Homeric poems, Shakespearian plays, Miltonic ethics, or Icelandic eddas. He is always probing into the past with his inquisitorial walking-stick, and clearing up the mysteries of the ages. He has proved beyond a doubt-to his own satisfaction-the existence of Plato's Atlantis; he has demonstrated that all Biblical myths, and all other myths, point to the fact that the earth was struck by a comet before there ever were at DAYLIGHT. any Yankees, and that if the Yankees had existed at the time, no damage would have been done, but the comet would have been utilised in some way or other as a motive power for running machinery to make wooden hams and assisting the States to " boss creation." All over the world's surface have we met the shrewd, plausible, polite, pushing, diamondstudded, nasal-speeched, immaculately-dressed Yankee schemer, and he has always been the same admirable humbug. He knows little, but it is a little about everything, and he combines it so kaleidoscopically, and spreads it over so wide a surface that he succeeds in convincing his hearers that it amounts to a vast deal. He | 8 A.M. hopestly believes that he has been born into the world to lighten our darkness. He deceives himself, and hence manages to deceive others with the greater success. He speaks out of the void of his nothingness as one having authority and not as the Jews. The case with which he " masters " some art or science hitherto unknown to him is wonderful. He carries a small edition of "Webster" in his coat-tail pocket and dispenses short "tales" from his dictionary right and left, and, like Wordsworth's hero, of whom "the wonder grew that one small head could carry all he knew," succeeds in imposing with wonderful effect upon the acutest minds not nurtured on the superficial-measurement and sheet-lightning principle. As a bookcanvasser he puts a chain about the earth in a Puck-like fashion, and seriously contemplates the peddling of an expensively gotten-up, muchbe-gilt bibliopegic monstrosity on the starry path to Paradise. As a public figure he serves an apprenticeship to life in the various rôles of bargee, rail-splitter, shopkeeper, volunteer captain, lawyer, politician, state-governor and president, and claims the range of univeral culture as hi domain. In Heaven to morrow he would negotiate a syndicate for the taking over the entire Cosmos, and firmly believes that the sidereal system could be better managed by a "ring" in. Chicago than by the intelligences that have it at present in hand. In everything he undertakes, plausibility transmutes ignorance to rold—and still he goes on his way rejoicing, shaking his well-powdered locks at fate. As the representative of his," mighty" Republic he unwinds himself at various nondescript "social functions" in speeches about everything and nothing, compiled from the ubiquitous pocket Webster," a ready reckoner, and the "Complete Letter-writer;" but they are always florid, and always complimentary and "calculated" not to harm the sensibilities of a bacterial atom, nor to interrupt for a single second "those harmonious relations," &c, which are the imperative "dollars and cents" of his free and fertile Yankee soul. Oh! and with what a small capital he does it ! How well he has mastered the aits of advertising, gulling, flattering, bamboozling, and bulldozing! From Barnum to Ignatius Donnelly, he stretches in one unbroken chain of magnificent impudence and his career on the face of the earth is the apotheosis of sublimated humbug | Years ago, Buckle wrote :-

In America we see a country of which it has been truly said that in no other are there so few men of great learning and so few men of great ignorance. The stock of American knowledge is small, but it is spread through all classes. Culture is readily amassed by a people who set out with a low standard, and any man who can spell with the aid of a dictionary, who can sing one song without missing a verse, who can play "Nelly Bly" on the piano with one hand, who knows that "comment vous porter vous?" is French for "How'dy," who can repeat the multiplication-table up to twelve-times-twelve, who has read the definitions to Euclid's first book of geometry, and who has a fresh and free acquaintance with Dickens and Bret Harte, can write himself down, an' he be a Yank, a gentleman and a scholar, a man of culture, crudition and refinement, an etymologist, an orthoepist, an orthographist, a musician, a linguist, an arithmeticlan, a geometrician and a literary student. We have met many such universal intellects from across the Pacific, and each and every one of them would have considered himself grossly insulted and outraged if his claims to universality and the salthood of creation had once been called in question. They reckoned they'd been there, and knew pretty well what the running was like; they'd come "reight in and sot down an" wrote their ad-dresses in the intel-lectocal book of leife, an' don't your forgit it."-Sydney Bulletin.

THE great value of Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites in Wasting | Yapan to Europs. Diseases is shown by the accompanying statement from D. C. Freeman, Sydney, Aust. :--"Having been a great sufferer from pulmonary attacks and gradually wasting away for the past two years, it affords me great pleasure to testify that the above medicine has given me great relief, and cheerfully recommend it to all suffering in a similar way to myself, In addition I would say that it is very pleasant to take." Any Chemist can supply it.-A. S. Watson & Co. (Ltd.), agents la Hongkong and China-LAdvii

#### To-day's\_ Advertisements.

OF HONGKONG No. 1026.

REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 22nd instant, at 8.30 for 9 O'CLOCK precisely. Hongkong, 22nd May 1800

#### BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on MONDAY, the 26th instant, (WHIT

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA, C. F. ROWBAND. Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA. " AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA, T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

For the Hongkong & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the New ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Manager, Hongkong.

For the COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS. L. GLENAT,

Acting Agent

Hongkong, 22nd May, 18co DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.

LIMITED. FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO. THE Company's Steamship

'THALES." Captain Hunter, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 25th instant,

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1890. THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BANGKOK (DIRECT). THE Company's Steamship

"KONG BENG," Captain R. Jones, will be despatched for the above Port, on SUNDAY, the 25th instant, at

For Freight or Passage apply to YUEN FAT HONG. Agents. Hongkong, 22nd May, 1800.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE. THE Steamship

"LENNOX." Captain Swinnerton, will be despatched for the above Ports, on the 27th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 22nd May, 1890.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED. FOR the purpose of compiling the annual Return of Shareholders to the Registrar, the Transfer Books of the Company will

CLOSED from Saturday, the 24th instant, till Tuesday the 27th instant, both days inclusive, during which period no TRANSFER SHARES can be Registered. T H. TALBOT,

Secretary. Hongkong, 22nd May, 1890.

NOTICE.

CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED.

TR. JAMES STEPHEN has been appointed GENERAL MANAGER of the above named Company from the 1st of June next. Until that date he will conduct the business as Acting

WM. CRUICKSHANK, General Manager. Hongkong, 22nd May, 1890.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY. AKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO " JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,

MEXICO. CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE;

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS. AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING

THE Steamship.

" " GAELIC" will be despatched for San Francisco, vi Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 14th June, at

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports. All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and the same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day

previous to sailing. First-class Fares granted as follows :---To San Francisco......\$225.00 To San Francisco and return, available for 6 months..... To Liverpool ...... 325.00

To other European Points at prop donate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officer. of the Army, Navy, Civil Service and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application. Passengers by this line have the option

proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways. Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embark. ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed

discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des

tined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs. San Francisco

For further information as to Freight on Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company No. Soa, Queen's Road Central. C.D. HARMAN.

Hongkong, sand May, 1800.

# Entimations.

# EMPIRE PALE ALE.



# **EMPIRE**

1860. OCTOBER BRE'V. 1890. JUST TO HAND, A FULL STOCK OF THE ABOVE, IN SPLENDID CONDITION. THIS justly favorite Beer is rapidly superseding all Engl shand German Beers in China, Japan, and the Straits Settlements, owing to its absolute purity and the entire absence of Chemicals as preservatives.

VIDE ANALYST'S REPORT. EMPIRE EXTRA XX STOUT. As supplied to the Hospitals and Infirmaries. Strongly recommended, by the Faculty for its strengthening properties and adaptability for hot climates.

IN BOTTLES AND CASKS. (Pints.....per doz'n \$ 1.50 EMPIRE PALE ALE... o-Call. Cask .....per cask 18-Gall Cask...... Pints.... per dozen Gall. Cask .....per cask 

Sole Agents.

Co.) Chairman.

son & Co.

Banking Corporation).

Hon, C. P. CHATER.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1890.

Buildings, at NOON 12 O'CLOCK.

Approval of Accounts.

Election of Directors.

Report of the Commissioners.

Election of Commissioners. . .

By Order of the Board of Directors.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1890.

shall have to deposit them at the Company's

Office not later than fifteen days before the

meeting and will receive in exchange a card of

THE CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

1.-" Hongkong Telegraph" Office.

2.—Cantlie, Dr. J., Queen's Road."

Cowie, Dr., Queen's Road.

1.—Cantlie, Dr. J., Victoria Peak.

7.—Poesnecker, L., Robinson Road.

9.-Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

¿.-C. & J. Telephone Co., Ld.

8.—Amhold, Karberg & Co.

10.-Chater and Vernon.

15.—Central Police Station.

16,-Watson & Co., A. S., Ld.

"10.-P. & O. Steam Navigation Co.

17.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

18.—Butterfield and Swire.

22.—"China Mail."

20.-Peak Hotel.

12,-" Daily Press."

13.—Russell & Co.

IST of Subscribers to the HONGKONG

Hartigan, Dr. Wm., Queen's Road.

11.-Peak Hotel & Trading Co., Queen's Road.

14.-E. E. A. and China Telegraph Co., Ld.

20.-Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co., Ld.

29.- a Peak Hotel & Trading Co., Craigleburn.

30.—China-Borneo Co., Ld., Steam Saw Mill.

32.—The Hongkong Hotel, Public Telephone.

34-Cruickshank, Wm., Victoria Dispensary.

21.—Cruickshank, Wm., Pedder's Street.

23.-Jordan, Dr. G. P., Pedder's Street.

24.—Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ld. 25.—H. & W. Dock, Aberdeen.

26.—Alice Memorial Hospital.

28.-Holliday, J. F., Victoria Peak.

33.—Hancock, W. St. John H., C.E.

36.—Ah Yon & Co., 80, Praya Central.

27.-Holliday, Wise & Co.

31.-Gibb, Livingston & Co.

34.-Brodle, Wm., Residence.

Alex-Adamson, Bell & Co.

44.—Government House

45 -- Hughes & Erra.

52.—Layton, B., Residence.

45.-Belilios & Co.

42,-Dodwell, F.

30.-Mackintosh, E., Residence.

40.-The Borneo Co., Ld.

42.—Jordan, Dr. G. P., Residence.

47.-Belilios, E. R., Kingsclere.

48 Do. Juni Victoria Peak.

40. Carlowitz & Co. And Carlow extrements

50.—The Imports and Exports Office.

51. Morris & Ray, dans to the day with the to

53.-Judd, Walter, Victoria Peak.

55,-Hartigan, Dr. W., Residence.

56,-Victoria Hotel, Public Telephone.

61,-: Stevens & Co., Geo. R.

64 - China domesta con Residence. Control

Subscribers will oblige by correcting their

A SANDFORD.

54.-Webber, J. F.

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oo -Dakin Bros, of China, Ld.

Hengkong, Sth April, 1888,

C. GEORG.

Secretary.

Orders of the day :

THE TRUST AND LOAN COMPANY OF

CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE

STRAITS, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED .....£1,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

WM. KESWICK (Messrs, Jardine, Matheson &

ADOLY VON ANDRE (Messrs. André, Mendel

H. D. STEWART (Messrs. Stewart, Thomson

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:

W. H. FORBES (Messrs, Russell & Co.) Chair-

Hon. J. J. KESWICK (Messrs. Jardine, Mathe-

This Company is now prepared to make Loans

or advances upon all kinds of Goods and upon

approved Securities; and to transact the business

provided for in the Memorandum of Association.

For information, terms of business, &c., apply

SOCIETE FRANCAISE DES CHARBON-

NAGES DU TONKIN.

THE GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING

will take place at Honekong on the 31st

DE WESTLEY LAYTON,

Victoria Buildings, Queen's Road.

Secretary,

EGBERT IVISON (Messis, Iveson & Co.)

# HONGKONG TRADING CO., LTD.

(Late THE HALL & HOLTZ C. Co., Ld.) Hongkong, 16th May, 1890.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG ROADS.

N and after the 1st June next, the Lightvessel hitherto moored on Kellett's Bank will be removed.

The depth of water on the Bank has not appreciably changed from what is given on the & Co.) Admiralty Chart No. 1466. R. MURRAY RUMSEY. Ret. Com., R.N.,

Harbour Master, &c. Harbour Department Hongkong, 9th May, 1890. [796 | Sons & Co.)

STEAM TO SHANGHAL. THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

" MALWA." will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the outward English Mail. E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 189c. STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, BRIN-DISI, TRIESTE, VENICE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON;

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.-CARGO CAN BE TAKEN UN THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAM-

BURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON. SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "ROHILLA," Captain M. de Horne, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for LONDON VIA BOMBAY & SUEZ CANAL, on THURSDAY, the 29th May, at NOON. Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 P.M., on the day before sailing. Silk and Valuables for Europe will transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment; arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo. For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply to the PR'IINSULAR & ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPINY'S Office, Hong-The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for Marseilles. E. L. WOODIN.

Superintendent. P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Honghong, 22nd May, 1860

# hntimations

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given to Holders of the CALL of (4) Four Dollars per Share due 16th November, 1889, is still unpaid, that unless the said Call, with Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from the due date, be paid on or before the 31st day of May next, at the Company's Offices, 6, Ice House Lane, the Shares. in respect of which such call was made will be liable to be forfeited, and under the provisions of Article X. Subsection VIII. of the Articles of Association, the Board will pass the necessary resolutions for the forfeiture of the said Shares. By Order of the Board of Directors,

CHAS, F. HARTON. Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 15th May, 1800,

NOTICE

NY Debts Contracted by any Member of Crew of Ship "JOSEPH H. SCAM-MELL," Captain BOLT or ship will not be RESPONSIBLE.

Master. Hongkong, 9th May, 1890.

THE MACAO BATH-HOUSES.

MR. T. J. COLLACO, in again catablishing the Bath-houses at Macao for the summer season, respectfully solicits the patronage of the Foreign Communities of Hongkong and Canton, who, as occasional visitors, desire to enjoy a course of sea-bathing under the best possible circumstances. The accommodation has been made as comfortable and complete as: circumstances will allow, and the charges are, as last year, fixed at a most moderate tariff.

A Bar will be one of the features of the establishment, where refreshments can be obtained at very low rates. The Bath-houses will be opened from the 18th inst, until the 30th September.

THE PERSON NO SUBSCRIPTION IS NOT

For each person (for the season) .....\$1.00 | Subscription to Exchange \$80 per Annum. Married couples Single bath, (towels, etc., included)... 0.30 THEOBALD I. COLLACO. 12 Masso, 16th May, 1890,

RURAL BUILDING Lot No 1, situate on Mount Gough, the Peak, Area 258,589 square feet Annual Crown Rent \$88; commanding on the North side a splendid view of Victoria Harbour and Kowloon, and on the South side a view of Little Hongkong and out to sea. There is now on the lot a 6

> with Garden and Lawn Tennis ground attached. The Property will be put up in 6 lots so that the Crown Rent for each lot will be extremely

Roomed Bungalow called "Brockhurst

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION

VALUABLE L'EASEHOLD PROPERTY.

viously disposed of by private contract), on

to Sell by Public Auction, (unless pre-

SATURDAY,

the 24th May, 1890, at 4.30 P.M.,

on the Ground.

For conditions of sale and plans, apply to Messis, DENNYS & MOSSOP, No. 49 & 51, Queen's Road Central, Messrs. DANBY, LEIGH & ORANGE,

Praya Central.

G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1990. PUBLIC AUCTION

WELL SEASONED HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY.

the 31st May, 1890, commencing at 3.30 p.m., at 'Brockhurst' the Peak, the residence of H. L. DENNYS, Esq.

THE WHOLE OF HIS WELL SEASONED HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. Which was made expressly for the Peak,

comprising: TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, CHEFFONIER, COTTAGE PIANO DIVID MCLEAN (Hongkong and Shanghai by CRAMER, CENTRE MARBLE-TOP BLACKWOOD TABLES. WHATNOTS, S. WYLLYS POMEROY (Messrs. Russell & Co.) PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, CURTAINS, F. D. SASSOON (late Messis. David Sassoon, FENDERS, etc.

DINING ROOM FURNITURE, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, etc. IRON BEDSTEADS with Patent Spring MATTRESSES. WARDROBES, MARBLE-TOP WASHING STANDS, and DRESSING TABLES, etc., etc. AMERICAN COOKING STOVE, etc.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale, and the above will be on view on Thursday, the 20th inst.

G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 21st May, 1800.

# Insurances.

S T A N D A R D SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE OF 63 YEARS STANDING, AND ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST OF THE PROVIDENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

XXTHEN: it is remembered that a Life May, 1'00, at the Registered Office in Victoria Assurance Contract may not fall to be fulfilled for a quarter or even half a century after being entered into, it will be readily Report-presented by the Board of Directors. understood how important it is to the Policyholder that the past record as well as the present management of the Office should be of the highest possible character. The Standard has a long record of past good services to refer In accordance with the Company's Articles to; its Funds, annually increasing, amount to of Association, owners of at least twenty Shares, in order to have the right to attend the Meeting with safety have been adopted.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents, Hongkong. ATLAS ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 12th April, 1890. FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877

IN HAMBURG. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 1st July, 1880. GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN

LONDON. THE Undersigned having been appointed on. Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates. REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,

Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. THE INDIAN IMPERIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current

Rates. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, 5th November, 1889.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, --- (Limited.) CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, \$833,333-33

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. LEE SING, Esq. Lo Yeur Moon, Esq. LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., take at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST. Hongkong, 17th December, 1885.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000. The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISES At CURRENT RATES on GOODS. &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN HEAD OFFICE. No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. [860 Hongkong, in February, 1882.

# Potices of Firms.

THE TRUST AND LOAN COMPANY OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS,

THE Undersigned has received instructions AR. DE WESTLEY LAYTON has been VI appointed SECRETARY of the Company's Branch Office in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors, WM. H. FORBES, " Chairman of Hongkong Committee. Hongkong, 3rd May, 1890.

## To be Let.

TO LET.

WITH immediate entry, Nos. 53, 55, & 57, PEEL STREET PEEL STREET. Apply to

EDWARD GEORGE.

TO LET.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1890.

OOMS In "COLLEGE CHAMBERS."

9. SEYMOUR TERRACE. "STONEHENGE," Robinson Road, from 1st

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, 16th April, 1890.

TO LET.

O. 14, BELILIOS TERRACE, from 1st June, 1890.

FZFKIEL & JOSEPH, 30, Queen's Road. Hongkong, 17th May, 1800.

TO LET. N TO. 3, MORRISON HILL. Entry, 1st June.

Apply to G. C. ANDERSON 13. Praya Central. Hongkong, 22nd April, 1800

HOUSE in WEST TERRACE. Immediate Entry.

· Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central. Hongkong, 3rd May, 1890.

TO LET. NE LARGE ROOM on the Ground Floor of 13, Praya Central. Suitable for an

> G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central

Hongkong, 28th March, 1890. TO LET THE HOUSE No. r. Magdalen Terrace. Magazine Gap, lately in occupation of

Mr. LIND. Rent \$100 a month. Apply to JOHN'J. FRANCIS. Hongkong, 14th May, 1800.

TO BE LET Just below Peak Flagstaff. TO AHAR LODGE.—FURNISHED.

Apply to HUGHES & EZRA. Hongkong, 17th April, 1800

TO LET. TIRST FLOOR of HOUSE, 15, Praya Central. 2ND FLOOR of HOUSE, No. 64, Queen's Road Central.

> Apply to LAI HING & Co., No. 153, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 22nd March, 1890.

TO LET. ROM the 1st March, ROOMS suitable for OFFICES on the first floor of the PREMISES in Pedder's Street at present

occupied by Caldbeck, MacGregor & Co. Apply to 1 CRUICKSHANK & Co., Lt.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1890 Possession from 1st June next.

HOUSE No. 22, ELGIN TERRACE.
Apply to J. SAMUEL. No. 24, Elgin Terrace.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1890. TO LET. TOUSE No. 9, Upper Mosque Terrace.

I 1 Possession 1st June. Gas and Water laid Apply to E. McLEOD, Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1890. TO LET. (With Immediate Possession).

FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED SIX ROOMED HOUSE at the Peak. Apply to DENNYS & MOSSOP. 49 & 51, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1890. [725 TO LET. NOS. 25, 27, 31 and 35, ELGIN ROAD, behind the Old Union Church.

Apply to ACHEE & Co., 17, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 6th May, 1890.

TO LET. LJOUSES Nos. 71 and 77, Wyndham Street, II each have 6 spacious Rooms.

Apply to THE HEAD SHROFF of the Chartered Bank of India, &c. Hongkong, 5th May, 1890.

TO BE LET.

FIRST FLOOR of No. 3, Blue Buildings. From 1st June. THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

& AGENCY Co., Ltd. Victoria Bulldings,

Hongkong, 29th April, 1890. HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE monthly Competition for the FAKI "La CHALLENGE CUP will be held on SATURDAY next, the 24th instant, at 4 P.M., 200 yards standing, 300 yards—Sitting or knocking 7 shots at each. Entrance Fee 30 cents. C VIVIAN LADDS,

Hon. Socretary. Hongkong, 20th May, 1890.

### Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-200 per cent. premium, sellers. Union Insurance Society of Canton-\$100 per GLENSHIEL, British steamer, 2,240, R. A. share, sellers. China Traders' Insurance Company—\$70 per share, sellers. North China! Insurance—Tis. 355 per share,

Canton Insurance Company, Limited-\$122} per share, sellers. Yangtsze Insurance Association—Tis. 96 per On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls, 150

per share. Hongkong Fire Insurance Company-\$370 per share, sellers. China Fire Insurance Company-\$85 per share,

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China and Marila Steam Ship Company-105 per share, sellers. Hongkong Gas Company-\$135 per share, sellers. Hongkong Hotel Company-\$190 per share,

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per-cent. Debentures Indo-China Steam Navigation Company. Limited-25 per cent. dis., seilers. Douglas Steamship Company-\$55 per share,

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$198 per share, sales and sellers. Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$74 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company-\$98 per share, Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited -\$80 per share. Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited-\$10 per

share, sellers. A. S. Watson & Co., Limited-\$21 per share, Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B-21 per cent. premium, seliers. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C-5 per cent.

premium, buyers. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E-11 per cent. premium. Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited-\$111 per share, buyers. The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ld.-\$25

per share, nominal. Punjom and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co. -\$10 per share, buyers. The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited-\$14 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$73 per share, sellers. Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$400 per share, The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co.,

Limited-40 per cent, prem., sellers. The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited-\$20 per share, sellers. The Songel Koyah Planting Co., Ld. -\$20 per Dare, buyers.

Cruickshank & Co., Ld. -\$40 per share, nom. The Steam Launch Co., Limited-nominal. The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ld.

-par., nominal. The China-Borneo Co., Ld.—\$25 per share, The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Ld.-\$18 per share, sellers.

The Green Island Cement Co. (Old issue)-\$33 per share, sellers. per share, nominal. The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ld. \$92

per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Ld.-\$7 per share, nominal. Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited-\$25 per share, The West Point Buildings Co., Ld. -\$40 per

share, buyers. The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Ld. -\$20 per share, sellers.

The Labuk Planting Co., Ld.-\$17 per share, The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Ld. -\$41

per share, sellers. The Selama Tin Mining Co., Ld. -\$4 per share, The Shameen Hotel Co., Ld.—\$5 per share,

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Ld. \$15 per share, buyers. The Hongkong Marina, Limited—par, nominal

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ON SHANGHAL .-

## MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Malwa, with the next English mail, left Singapore on the 21st instant, and may be expected here on the 27th. THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer City of Rio de Janeiro, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 28th ultime, left Yokohama this morning at daylight, and is expected here on the 23rd

THE INDIAN MAIL. The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer Kuisang from Calcutta, left Singapore at 5 p.m. on the

20th instant, and is expected here on the 27th. THE CANADIAN MAIL. The Canadian Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer

Batavia, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver on the 12th instant for Japan and Hongkong.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamer Hankow, from London, lest Sinthe 25th.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer Mensinstant, and is due here on the 25th. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s extra steamer Shanghal, left London for this port via Bombay on the 3rd instant.

# Hipping.

ARRIVALS.: NANCHANG, British steamer, 1,062, R. Cormack, 21st May,-Glasgow via Cardiff 28th March, and Singapore 13th May, Coal.—Butterfield & Swire.

PAKSHAN, British steamer, 825, E. F. Stovell, 21st May,—Bangkok 15th May, Rice.— Hop Hing Hong. FREJR, Danish steamer, 462, C. A. Lund, 22nd May,-Pakhoi 18th May, and Holhow 20th,

General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

NINGRO, German steamer, 762, R. Koehler, 22nd May,—Shanghai 18th May, General,— Siemssen & Co.

PICCIOLA; German steamer, 875, Th. Nissen, 22nd May,-Bangkok 14th May, Rice.-Melchers & Co.

Donaldson, 22nd May,-London 10th April, Suez 24th, and Singapore 16th May, General .- Jardine, Matheson & Co. THALES, British steamer, 820, W. Y. Hunter, 22nd May,-Taiwanfoo 19th May, Amoy 20th, and Swatow 21st, General.-D.

Lapraik & Co. CHEANG HOCK KIAN, British steamer, 956, John Grenfell, 22nd May, -Singapore 15th

May, General .- Bun Hin Chan. SISHAN, British steamer, 845, Robert Frazer, 22nd May,-Saigon 18th May, Rice,-Kien Tye Long.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE. Merco, German steamer, for Nagasaui. Asagao, Japanese steamer, for Nagasaki. Frejr, Danish steamer, for Holhow. Oceanic, British steamer, for Kobe, &c. Benlawers, British steamer, for Nagasaki. Cheang Hock Kian, British str., for Swatow. Almora, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

DEPARTURES May 21, Darra, British bark, for Port Townsend. May 21, Sikh, British steamer, for Hankow. May 22, Oceanien, French str., for Saigon, &c. May 22, Oceanic, British steamer, for Kobe, &c. May 22, Caledonien, French str., for Shanghai,

#### PASSENGERS-ARRIVED.

Per Picciola, str., from Bangkok.-40 Chinese. Per Ningho, str., from Shanghai.-Mr. Hartmann, and 26 Chinese. Per Thales, str., from Taiwanfoo, &c.-52

Per Glenshiel, str., from London, &c .- Mr. and Mrs. Chatham and child, Messrs. Wookey, Ryan, and 300 Chinese, for Hongkong. For Shanghai,-Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead, Miss Marshall, and Mr. McClay.

Per Cheang Hock Kian, str., from Singapore. -248 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Caledonien, str., for Shanghai from Hongkong.-Hon. A. P. McEwen, Captain Hopkin, Messrs. W. N. Allison and boy, Girault, A. J. Rodrigues, and D. E. Botelho. From Marseilles. -Mrs. Dausque, Messrs. Tchéou, Tchang Pas Tchang, and Riva (Achille). From Port Said. -Mr. and Mrs. Feldstein. From Singapore. Messrs. M. Frére Orban and Vivier. From Saigon.-Mrs. Rogers, and Miss Luscombe. From Hongkong for Yokohama.—Mr. and Mrs. de Sonnaville, Messrs. David Williams and Vizzavona, From Marseilles.—Messrs. Nakabashi, Kiuschi, Takaki, Itsinoré, O: Minésarabo, Saito Hirochika, Kawamura, Kato, and I ayah. From Saigon,-Mr. Gariol. From Marseilles for Hiogo. - Messrs. J. C. Peter and Giré. From Saigon .- Mrs. Bonnardel.

Per Oceanien, str., from Hongkong for Saigon. -Mr. Morel, 27 Petty officers and seamen (French Naval), and 9 Chinese. For Marseilles. -Rev. Manuel J. Farinha, Messrs. Moultet. and W. Cruickshank. From Shanghai for Saigon. - Mr. Olivier. For Singapore. - Messrs. Geogh Geo and C. Anba. For Colombo. Mr. Hayter. For Aden. - Mr. A. Bichler (Vice-Consul). For Marseilles.-Mr. van der Soh (Dutch Minister), Mrs. van der Soh, l'Abbé Mascarilla, l'Abbé S. Meugnich, l'Abbé Walen, l'Abbé Fean, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. B. Hersmann, Messrs. C. Vie, A. Guerin, H. C. Dubose, J. D. Clark, Archibald Macca- THIBET, British steamer, 1,665, W. L. Brown, The Green Island Cement Co. (New issue) \$3 | lum, A. Philippe, T. Neal, R. Fraser, C. Vagen, and Mulder.

> Per Oceanic, str., for Kobe.—3 Japanese. For Yokohama.-Mrs. Wotton, Dr. Cowie, Messrs. E. H. Kinaham, C. J. Cluk, and Ehmer, 1 European, I Japanese, and I Chinese. For San Francisco.—Mrs. Thwing. For Liverpool.—Sir Bartle Frere, and Rev. W. Jenings. For London .- Major General J. B. Edwards and European servant, Messrs. C. M. Stewart, J. E. David, and W. Kerfoot Hughes.

The British steamship Cheang Hock Kian reports that she lest Singapore on the 15th instant. Had fine weather throughout.

The German s'eamship Ningpo reports that she left Shanghai on the 18th instant. Had light south-west monsoon and fine weather.

The German steamship Picciola reports that she left Bangkok on the 14th instant. "Had fine weather with light southerly winds throughout the passage.

The British steamship Pakshan, reports that she left Bangkok on the 15th instant. Had light to moderate south-west winds and fine weather with occasional showers of rain.

The British steamship Nanchang reports that she left Glasgow via Cardiff on the 28th March. and Singapore on the 13th instant. Had light, moderate and variable winds from Singapore to port.

The British steamship Thales reports that she left Taiwanfoo on the 19th instant, Amoy on the 20th, and Swatow on the 21st, From Taiwanfoo to Amoy had light variable winds with smooth sea and foggy weather at intervals. From Amoy to Swatow had light south-west winds with smooth sea and overcast sky to Lammocks; thence to port had foggy weather at intervals. From Swatow to port had light south-west winds with smooth sea and overcast sky, accompanied with vivid flashes of lightning to the north-west. In Taiwanfoo, the bank Sebastian Back, and brig Else. In Amoy, the steamships Felma, Namoa, and Namkiang. In Swatow, the steamships Glenfalloch, Kweiyang, Soochow, and Taisang.

The British steamship Glenshiel reports that she left South-west India Docks on the 10th instant at 5 p.m. Experienced light variable winds and fine weather down Channel. On the 12th passed Ushant; from there to Gibraltar had strong southerly winds and heavy sea. Passing the above at 2 a.m. on the 16th. From there to Port Said had light winds and fine weather, arrived at II a.m. on the 23rd. Left Suez at 5 p.m. on the 24th, and there to Perim had light northerly winds and fine weather; passed the above at 2 p.m. on the 29th. From there to Menicoy had light variable winds and fine weather, which was passed at 5 p.m. on gapore on the 19th instant, and is due here on the 6th. To Acheen Head had moderate south-west winds and squally weather. On the 11th passed Pulo Brasse for from there to Singalaus, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 19th pore had light south-easterly winds; arrived there on the 14th at 8.30 a.m. Left Singapore virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance 9 of 1870, made on the 16th at 2.50 p.m. for Hongkong. During which passage, experinced fine weather and light southerly winds; arrived here on the 22nd

# Post Office.

at 10 a.m., all well.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokahama.-Per Achilles, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 9.30

For Nagasaki.—Per Benlawers to-morrow, 42 od each, by all Chemists and Patent Medithe 23rd instant, at 10.30 A.M. For Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsul.-Per Folien to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 10.30 A.M.

# SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS. ACHILLES, British steamer, 1,450, Charles Anderson, 20th May, -- Glasgow 26th March, Liverpool 4th April, Malta 13th, Port Said 17th, Suez 18th, Penang 10th May, and Singapore 14th, General,-Butterfield &

ALMORA, British steamer, 1,719, Grier, 20th May,—Amoy 19th May, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co. AMOY, German steamer, 814, Th. Lehmann, 13th May,-Salgon oth May, Rice.-Siemsten

ABAGAO, Japanese steamer, 1,521, H. Selck, 19th May,—Nagasaki 14th May, Coals.—Mitsu Bishi Colliery. BENGLOE, British steamer, 1,158, Farquhar,

21st May,—Saigon 17th May, Rice and Paddy.—Gibb, Livingston & Co. BENLAWERS, British steamer, 1,513, Alex. Webster, 16th May,-Saigon 12th May, Rice and Paddy.-Glbb, Livingston & Co. BUCEPHALUS, British steamer, 1,192, A. Forrester, 6th May,-Saigon 30th April, Rice.

-Geo. R. Stevens & Co. CHINA, German steamer, 1,093, P. Haye, 16th May,-Saigon 12th May, Rice and Paddy. -Tung Kec.

CHOW-CHOW-FOO, German steamer, 796, Clauden, 1st May,-Swatow 3oth April, General.-Melchers & Co. CLARA, German steamer, 674, Christensen, 20th

May,-Haiphong 18th May, General.-Siemssen & Co. Don Juan, Spanish steamer, 656, R. Beltran, 3rd May, -Manila 30th April, General. -

Brandão & Co.

ELECTRA, German steamer, 1,150, P. Möller, 21st May, -Singapore 15th May, General. -Siemssen & Co. ALKENBURG, German steamer, 988, T. Bartels, 20th May, Salgon 16th May, Rice and

General.-Melchers & Co. ELBRIDGE, British steamer, 1,336, John Ruthen, 8th May,—Saigon 30th April, Rice.— Russell & Co. FAME, British steamer, 117, W. W. Allan .-

Hongkong Government tender. FORIEN, British steamer, 509, Lewis, 21st May, -Tamsui 18th May, Amoy 19th, and Swatow 20th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co. ASON, British steamer, 1,411, Milligan, 19th May,-Nagasaki 14th May, Coals.-Butter-

KAIFONG, British steamer, 997, T. Gyles, 18th May,-Whampoa 18th May, General.-Butterfield & Swire. Kong Beng, British steamer, 862, R. Jones,

"20th May, -Bangkok 11th May, General. -Yuen Fat Hong. LENNOX, British steamer, 1,327, Swinnerton, 21st ... May,-Saigon 17th May, Rice and Paddy.

-Adamson, Bell & Co. MIIRE MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,080, F. J. Sommer, 11th May,—Saigon 7th May, Rice.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co. MOSKWA, Russian steamer, 2,244, Radiow, 19th

May,—from Odessa, General and 800 Soldiers.—Order. PHU-QUOC, French steamer, 183, Vallin, 28th Sept.,-Touron 20th Sept., Coals.-Wing Tai & Co.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopanl.— H mgkong and Whampoa Dock Co. PORT JACKSON, British steamer, 1,727, George R. Huddy, 18th May,-Saigon 14th May,

Rice and Paddy.—Siemssen & Co. TAICHIOW, British steamer, 862, R. Unsworth, 15th May,-Bangkok 9th May, Rice and Wood.—Yuen Fat Hong.

19th May, -Bombay 2nd May, and Singapore 13th May, General,—P. & O. S. N. Co. TRITOS, German steamer, 1,346, L. Iwersen, 19th May,—Bangkok 13th May, Rice.— Siemssen & Co. VELOX, German steamer, 759, H. Johannsen,

16th May, -Hoihow 15th May, General. -YANGTSZE, German steamer, 814, C. Tonningsen, 21st May,—Saigon 17th May, Rice and

Paddy.—Siemssen & Co. SAILING VESSELS. ALICE MUIR, British bark, 480, Edward Yarnall, 8th May,-Albany, Australia 27th Feb.,

Sandalwood.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co. ARNGUDA, British bark, 977, James A. Green, 3rd April,-Amoy 2nd April, Ballast,-CAMBLOT, British bark, 369, Murphy, 16th May,

-Freemantle 27th March, Sandalwood,-Gilman & Co. C. C. CHAPMAN, American ship, 1,570, Hichborn, 27th April,-Singapore 1st April,

Timber.—Tong Sang Wo. DANIEL T. JENNEY, American ship, 1,620, Rodick, 28th March,-New York 4th Nov., Petroleum.—Order. EME, British bark, 774, Summers, and March,-

London 6th November, General.-Order. RLKOENIG, Chinese bark, 457, Upium Examination hulk, Stonecutters' Island,—Chinese Customs. GEORGIETTA, American bark, 430, F. Kursten,

13th May, -Singapore 12th April, Timber. JOSEPH H. SCAMMEL, British ship, 1,410, Bolt, 3rd May, -Shanghai 29th April, General. -

Reuter, Brockelmann & Co. ATAGONIA, British bark, 1,199, Wm. Hibbert, 8th March,-New York 4th Nov., Kerosene Oil.—Russell & Co. SENATOR, British ship, 1,474, McKenzie, 8th

May,-Cardiff 28th November, Coal,-STATE OF MAINE, American ship, 1,526, E. D. Nickells, 14th May, -Singapore 21st April, Timber.—Order.

larapaca, British burk, 496, H. Kennett, 19th May,-Sandakan 29th April, Timber,-Glbb. Livingston & Co. WARATAH, British bark, 202, W. Krause, 18th

May, -Whampoa 18th May, General -- Mo WM. H. MACY, American ship, 2,092, J. A. Amsbury, 31st March,-Yokohama 20th March, Ballast.-Order.

# Intimations.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

In the Matter of The Estate of FRANCISCO DE SA. Deceased.

TOTICE is hereby given that the Honourable The Acting Chief Justice having, in an order limiting to the 1st July next, the time for sending in CLAIMS against the said Estate-All Creditors are hereby required to send in their claims to the Undersigned before the said

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#### STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG. STEAMERS. FROM. DATE DUE. AGENTS. City of Rio de Janeiro..... San Francisco ...... May 23rd ...... Pacific Mail S. S. Co. London ..... May 25th ..... Siemssen & Co. Hankow ..... Menelaus ...... Butterfield & Swire. Malwa..... London May 26th..... P. & O. S. N. Co. Kutsang ..... Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AURNTS.	DATE OF LEAVING
London, &c., via Suez Canal London, via Suez Canal London Bremer, via Ports of Call Havre & Hamburg, &c Vancouver, B.C., via N., &c San Francisco, via Yhama San Francisco, via K., &c Sydney, Melbourne, &c Port Darwin,&c	Deucalion	O. & O. S. S. Co Russell & Co	May 29th, at noon. May 27th. About June 5th. June 4th, at 4 p.m. May 27th, at 10 a.m. June 12th, at noon. June 3td, at 1 p.m. June 14th, at 1 p.m. May 26th, at 4 p.m. May 30th, daylight,
Calcutta, via Straits Straits and Bombay Bangkok Yokohama, Kobe. &c Yokohama and Kobe Tientsin Shanghai	Thibet Kong Beng Achilles Lennox Yiksang Malwa	P. & O. S. N. Co	May 25th, daylight. May 25th, at 8 a.m. To-morrow, at 10 a.m. May 27th. About June 3rd. Ouick despatch.
Shanghai, Kobe, &c	Glenshiel Menelaus Kaifong Nanzing Zafiro Clara Fokien	Jardine, Matheson & Co. Butterfield & Swire Butterfield & Swire Jardine, Matheson & Co. Russell & Co A. R. Marty Douglas Lapraik & Co	May 26th. To-morrow, at 4 p.m. May 24th, at 3 p.m. May 24th, at 4 p.m. May 24th, daylight.

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